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A HISTORY OF WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship and said unto him, "What saith my Lord unto his servant?" And the captain of the Lord's host saith unto Joshua, "Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy." And Joshua did so.

Joshua 5:14b,15.



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PREFACE

In October of 1989 my family returned from Florida where we attended my nephew's wedding. I was on crutches after "blowing out" my knee on the dance floor at the reception. Unable to help unload the van, I sat down at my desk at home with a copy of the earlier Church history, prepared in 1970 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the frame church building, and a copy of the Journal from the 1988 session of the Annual Conference. Beginning with the list of deceased ministers in that Journal and the list of our ministers from the previous history, I began the effort that you are about to read. Walnut Grove has no complete record of its past activities, much of what I learned came from outside sources. Therefore, this is almost as much a history of this community as of the church. I believe that is permissible; the church and the community have had a long marriage. Knowing that "no one wants to hear about labor pains, they just want to see the baby," I will not attempt to chronicle my efforts in research. I will say, though, that I enjoyed it all, save for concluding it. Much of what I found was by luck; I happened upon facts while searching for something else. I believe that the Lord guided my feeble efforts.

The title, "Jubilee, Again and Again" comes from Leviticus 25:10. "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family." We now

celebrate our third "jubilee."

I owe so much to so many who made this effort a delight, some of whom I never met, many of whom have departed this temporal life. Any effort to list them would be futile but I must try. My thanks go to the following and many more:

To my grandmother, Annis Berry Parker, and great grandparents, Eli and Judy Betsey Taylor Berry who, though they died many years before my birth, placed my family in Walnut Grove Church and whose names appear on the earliest rolls.

To my mom, Sallie Parker, who, along with my dad, took me to Walnut Grove long before my memory kicks in and made me sit still through sermons by Reverends Elkins, Desrosiers and Stafford, and to my dad, Josh Parker, who helped pick up the rocks from the fields to build Walnut Grove. Although he died while I was but eight years old, his blood still courses my veins. What little good there is to me I owe to them.

To Reverend Sam Loy whose research into the "Unknown Circuit Rider" who founded our Church provides much of the information about the formative years of our church set forth herein. I have pirated his work shamelessly. I think that I got his permission.

To the late Marion Woods who prepared the previous history in 1970.

To Ruby Tilley and the other members of the History Committee whose support and encouragement kept me on course.

To the older members of the Church who shared many memories of the way it was.

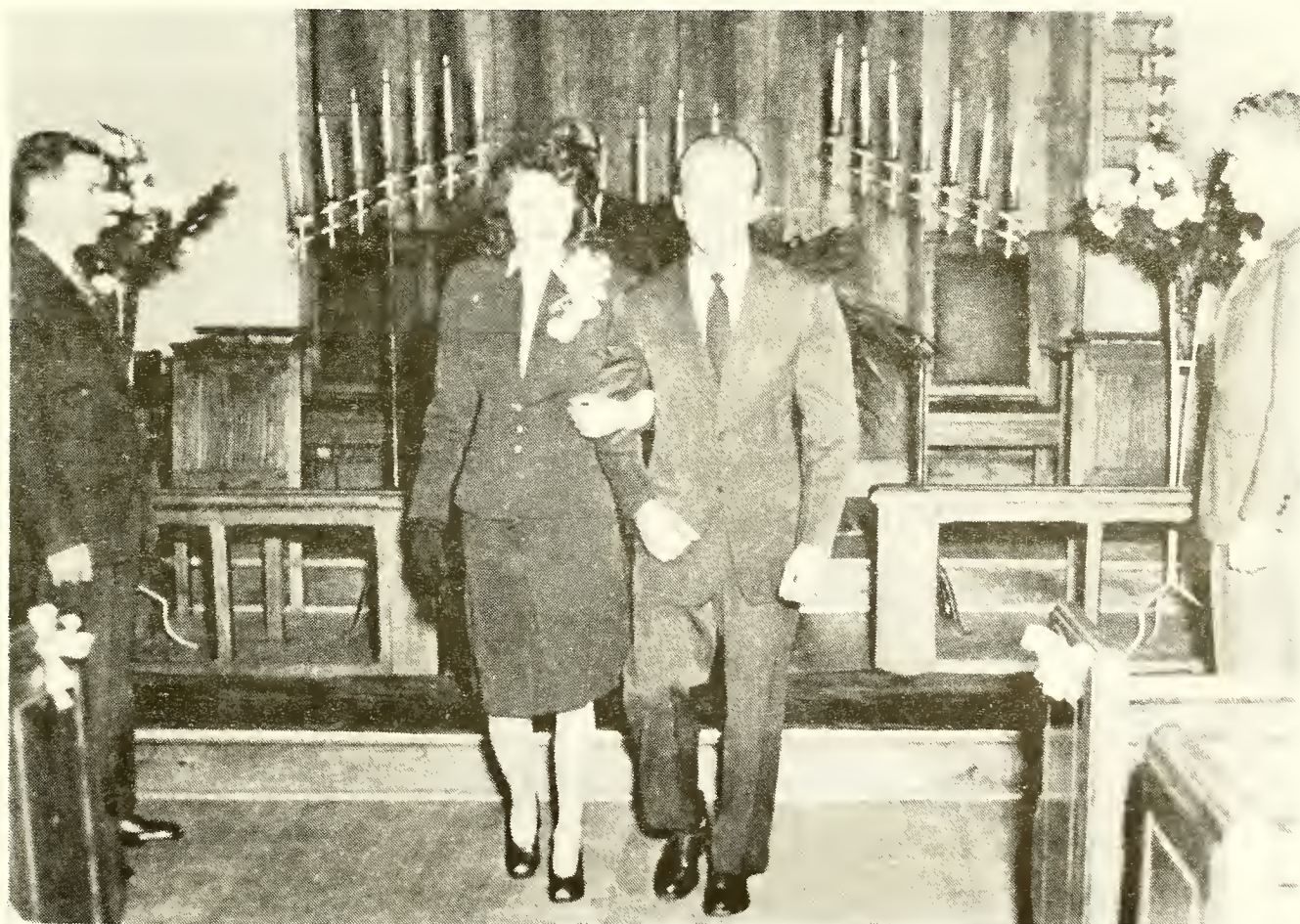
To Mrs. Lessie Phelps and Mrs. Katherine Nicks McDade who took of their time to record their recollections.

To Betsy for tolerating the constant pile of books and papers on the floor of my office at home, the products of the research of myself and others and for tolerating my endless chatter about some small tidbit of our history that I had discovered.

And, to the people of Walnut Grove then and now. I dedicate this to you.

Mike Parker

August, 1991



Ellen Francis Laws marries Madison Wilkins-first wedding in the rock church. December 21, 1946

THE SETTING

The year is 1841. Only ten years have passed since a slave named Nat Turner rebelled against his master, leading the bloodiest slave uprising in the period before the Civil War. Only five years have passed since Davie Crockett, Jim Bowie and 181 other men died at the Alamo at the hands of the Mexican Army led by Santa Anna. Two years earlier a blacksmith in Scotland invented the first bicycle.

1841 was an unremarkable year in world history. No major battles were fought, no wars began or ended. In Brussels a musician named Antoine Joseph Sax would invent a musical instrument which later bore his name.¹ Two American writers, Edgar Allan Poe and James Fenimore Cooper, would author some of their most famous works including, respectively, Murders In The Rue Morgue and The Deer Slayer.

The United States Of America is celebrating its 60th birthday, still quite an adolescent. The nation consists of only 26 of the current 50 states, only three of which lie west of the Mississippi River. Slavery still exists, not only in the South, but in many northern states as well, and will continue to do so for another 22 years. Women have virtually no civil rights; they are not allowed to vote nor are they allowed to own property in their own name if married.

¹ David Wallenchinsky and Irving Wallace, The People's Almanac, #2, p.414.

For the first time in the history of the United States, the country has three presidents during a single year. The two major political parties at the time are the Democrats and the Whigs. The Democratic incumbent President, Martin Van Buren, only the eighth man to hold the office of the Presidency, had been defeated in the fall election in 1840 by William Henry Harrison, the Whig candidate. Thus, Van Buren holds office as a lame duck until March 4, 1841. On that date William Henry Harrison is inaugurated as President of the United States. It is a cold, rainy day in Washington, D.C. and President Harrison, in the course of the festivities, catches cold which develops into the pneumonia that would claim his life after only one month in office on April 4, 1841. Vice-President John Tyler takes the oath of office on April 6, 1841 to complete the four year term of President Harrison.²

North Carolina politics are dominated by the Whig Party. The governor of the state is elected for a two year term. Governor Edward B. Dudley is finishing his second two year term in 1841. His successor in office, John Motley Morehead, the man for whom the Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina is named, takes office in 1841 for the first of his two terms. Most people in North Carolina are poor, uneducated farmers. No extensive system of public schools exists: the first public school law in the state was passed only two years earlier in 1839. There are less than one million people in the entire state, one-third of which are slaves. However, in Orange County, slaves represent less than 20%

² Ibid., p.164.

of the entire population. Most slaves are concentrated on a few large farms with less than 30% of the farm families owning slaves.³

The community lying between the North and South forks of the Little River in the central part of northern Orange County is entirely agricultural. Virtually all of the people earn their meager living from the soil. They raise what they eat and a small amount of tobacco for the market. Tobacco prices are low. It will be 18 years before a slave on the Slade farm in Caswell County accidentally cures the first "bright-leaf" tobacco. Thus, their crops may or may not bring enough to buy two sets of work clothes, a pair of shoes for the winter and seasoning to preserve the food from one season to the next. One or two farmers may have a grist mill on the side and, perhaps a few more, a still down by the creek.

Transportation is a major problem. People are confined to their communities due to a lack of means of travel. There are no cars and only one or two railroads in the entire state, none near Orange County. The animals kept on the farm are for work, not travel. This creates a particular problem in marketing crops since there is no cheap way to transport produce. The poor farmers of Orange County spend up to half of their income to have crops

³ H.T. Lefler and A.R. Newsome, The History of a Southern State, North Carolina, 3rd.ed., p.361.

transported to market.⁴

THE METHODIST FOUNDATION

The Methodist Church grew up with this new nation called the United States. John Wesley, considered to be the founding father of Methodism was born in 1703. His Aldersgate experience, when he felt his "heart strangely warmed," occurred on May 24, 1738. Although Wesley was the founding father, it was two of his colleagues who brought the "Methodist Movement" to the colonies. One, George Whitefield, made seven journeys to the colonies, including several trips into North Carolina. Whitefield was a Calvinist whose oratory skills were legendary. It was said of him that he "could make hell so vivid that one could locate it on an atlas."⁵

Where Whitefield left off, Frances Asbury began. He visited the colonies for the first time in 1771 and soon set out on his mission to save all of their collective souls. Around 1760 or 1761 Parson Reed, an Anglican minister from New Bern, had described the Methodist converts as "ignorant, censorious and uncharitable."⁶ Parson Reed further declared that "fervor of the Methodist ... is very much abated." He believed "...it would be totally lost within a few months."⁷ Fortunately he was wrong. The enthusiasm of early

⁴ Ibid., p.316.

⁵ Ibid., p.142.

⁶ Ibid., p.136.

⁷ Ibid., p. 142.

Methodists such as Frances Asbury was infectious. By the time the colonies became the United States, the movement was rapidly growing. Francis Asbury preached in Hillsborough as early as 1780 and in other areas around Orange and Caswell County.⁸ Shortly after he took the oath of office as the first president, a Methodist delegation led by Asbury met with George Washington to pledge their support for the new nation and the new government. Soon circuit riders, steeped in the Methodist doctrine, would travel by horseback throughout the frontier to bring the experiences of Pentecost and Aldersgate to the uneducated poor farmers occupying this new land.

BEGINNINGS

One such circuit rider was Sidney D. Bumpass. He was born in 1808 in Person County, near the present day community of Allensville. In 1835 he married Francis Moore Webb of the same community. The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church was established in 1837. Reverend Bumpass was admitted on trial and appointed to the Wilkes Circuit as a traveling lay preacher or circuit rider. Two years later he was elected and ordained as a Deacon and admitted to full connection in the conference. The next year he was elected and ordained as an Elder. That year he was appointed to serve the Hillsborough Circuit, where he remained until October, 1841.⁹ During his service on the Hillsborough

⁸ J.W. Watson and C.F. Grill, Conference Historical Directory, p. 68.

⁹ Sam Loy, The Unknown Circuit Rider, p. 7.

Circuit, the membership grew from 389 white and 56 black members to 503 white and 108 black members.¹⁰

Part of the growth experienced on the Hillsborough Circuit during this period occurred in that community which lies between the North and South forks of the Little River in the north central part of Orange County. Due to the inconvenience of travel, communities often met in homes for periods of worship. These people were uneducated, most could not read and write. Yet they hungered to know their God. Evidence indicates that such a group was meeting in someone's home¹¹ when this circuit rider named Sidney D. Bumpass came into the community in 1841 to begin the church that would become known as Walnut Grove.

Reverend Bumpass was apparently a man of great energy, as evidenced not only by the growth of the Hillsborough Circuit while he was serving there, but also by his rapid rise in the hierarchy of the Methodist Church. After leaving the Hillsborough Circuit in October, 1841, he served other circuits and was, in 1846, appointed as the Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, the equivalent to what is now the District Superintendent.¹² He and his wife, Francis, published The Weekly Message, a publication of Methodist

¹⁰ Ibid., Appendix B.

¹¹ The people of the community may have been in the process of building a church as early as 1839 when inability to pay their debt resulted in a judgment against the trustees. Deed Book 30, page 269 of the Orange County Registry.

¹² Loy, p.7.

news. Ms. Bumpass continued to publish this newspaper after her husband's death in 1851 at the age of 43.¹³

Sidney Bumpass was re-assigned in October of 1841, and two new preachers for the Hillsborough Circuit served from October of that year until October of 1842. They were James B. Alford and James W. Jeter. These two gentlemen also played a vital role in the beginnings of Walnut Grove Church.

James B. Alford was born in 1813, in Wayne County, North Carolina. He joined the Conference in 1832, in Norfolk, Virginia. After serving the Hillsborough Circuit in 1842, he was not mentioned again in the minutes of the Annual Conference through 1851.¹⁴ He returned to the Hillsborough Circuit and Walnut Grove to serve as circuit rider for one year in 1858.¹⁵ He died in 1883 and was buried in Randolph County, North Carolina.¹⁶

James W. Jeter was born in 1819, in Bedford County, Virginia. He also joined the Virginia Conference in 1841, and was immediately transferred to the North Carolina Conference. He was accepted on trial and became a traveling lay preacher to the Granville Circuit in the Raleigh District. The next year he was appointed to the

¹³ Madeline H. Eaker, ed., The Heritage of Person County, p.63.

¹⁴ Loy, pp.3,4.

¹⁵ Methodist Episcopal Church South, Annual Conference, General Minutes, Vol.I, 1845-1851, p.53.

¹⁶ Journal of the North Carolina Annual Conference, 1988, p. 269.

Hillsborough Circuit with James Alford. Five years later, in 1846, because of health reasons, he took a leave of absence. He died August 20, 1847, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.¹⁷

Perhaps the best testimony to the sacrifice of these early circuit riders, who played such a vital role in the establishment of Walnut Grove and many other Methodist churches, is the toll that it took on their health. Of the three circuit riders who served the early Walnut Grove Church only one, James Alford, survived to present day retirement age. He was 70 when he passed away; Sidney Bumpass was 43, and James Jeter was 28. Some of the other Ministers who served as circuit riders for Walnut Grove include Thomas A Stone, who died at the age of 34, Thomas S. Cassidy who lived to age 32, Joseph G. Nelson, who was 30 when he died, and Langhorne Leitch, who passed away at the age of 31.¹⁸ Often these men were survived by widows and children, the support of which fell to the North Carolina Conference. Perhaps this explains the resolution passed by the Annual Conference of 1846 which reads as follows: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this conference that we strongly disapprove of the early marriage of our young ministers as generally imprudent and tending to embarrass them and the church of Christ."¹⁹ The minutes of the Conference reflect that often the surviving spouses of the circuit riders received annual allotments

¹⁷ Loy, pp.5-7.

¹⁸ Journal of the North Carolina Annual Conference, 1988, pp. 268,269.

¹⁹ Loy, p.6.

which generally ranged between \$50.00 and \$125.00.²⁰

Since no complete membership roles survive from the early days of the church, it is impossible to determine how many of the 114 addition members on the Hillsborough Circuit were members of the new church in the Walnut Grove community. The earliest membership role that survives shows no beginning date but concludes with members who joined in 1887. It includes at least five members who died that year: Joseph Wedding, Mary Jordan, Letitia Ball, Angeline Wilson and Lucy Taylor. It also contains members separated from the church as early as 1883. Although there are pages missing, that membership registry contains 181 names. A second registry, dated 1888, contains 263 names and many duplications from the earlier registry. The number of deaths and the large number on the two roles tend to indicate an early rapid growth in the church membership.

After the church was organized, Samuel Woods donated a lot located approximately 1,500 feet south and west of the existing church structure, on the west side of the present Walnut Grove Church Road, for the construction of a church building. The members began building a simple log church with shutters in lieu of glass for windows and simple slab benches. Construction was slow and, prior to its completion, it was sold for the debts incurred. Fortunately David B. McKee, a farmer with land holdings in excess of 1,500 acres, purchased the property at the foreclosure sale.

²⁰ Ibid., p. 6.

Mr. McKee allowed the members to complete the building and use it for worship.²¹

Since the church owned no property, there was no early church cemetery. Families in the area buried their dead in family plots located on the family property. Three such family cemeteries, the Breezes, the Blalocks and the Parkers, all located within three miles of the existing church structure are known. Perhaps many others exist with unknown locations.

Shortly after the Walnut Grove Church began, a major issue arose which would divide the Methodist Church and would divide the United States. Christians and politicians had long debated the issue of human bondage. When he authored the Declaration Of Independence, Thomas Jefferson had included a strong stand against the issue of slavery. His stand was removed by the committee on which he served prior to the finalization of the Declaration on July 4, 1776.²² The debate continued and in 1844 the Methodist Church split over this volatile issue into a Northern and Southern

²¹ North Carolina did not require the recordation of deeds until 1888. No deed has been found conveying land to the church from Samuel Woods. A deed from Samuel C. Turrentine, Sheriff of Orange County to David McKee, dated June 28, 1843 is recorded in Book 30, page 269 of the Orange County Registry. This deed recites that it is to satisfy the execution of a judgment to John Woods from March 13, 1839 against Samuel Woods, Sr., Samuel R. Woods, John L. Woods and David R. Allison in the amount of \$174.42. Although these men are not called trustees in the deed, judgments against several individuals were unusual in that time. This deed may include the church property, however it conveys 172.5 acres. Perhaps Mr. Woods allowed the church to be built on his property then lost his entire farm for the debt.

²² Wallenchinsky and Wallace, p.167.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Many of the early Methodist churches owned their property and established cemeteries which predate that of Walnut Grove. A number of these cemeteries have sections in which slaves were buried, indicating that members were slave holders. No such information is available on Walnut Grove since there was no church cemetery, but most of the families that comprised the church membership did not own slaves. Walnut Grove was, however, a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference and that Conference became a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Prior to the Civil War, slaves often worshipped with their owners, usually in a separate section of the church.

The Civil War years undoubtedly took a toll on Walnut Grove Church. Although records are unavailable, it is safe to assume that most men of the church between their teens and fifties served the futile cause of the Confederacy. It is known, for example, that William B. Tilley, from the community, served as a Private under J. F. Allison and Jesse Miller, Captains of Company E, 31st Regiment, North Carolina Artillery. He enlisted in the Confederate Army on September 29, 1862 at the age of 32, and was killed at the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia on May 31, 1864.²³ Nelson N. Parker, a farmer who ran a grist mill and saw mill approximately one mile north of Walnut Grove Church, enlisted at the age of 46 on

²³ Weymouth T. Jordan, Jr., North Carolina Troops 1861-1865, A Roster, Vol. VIII, Infantry, p.470.

March 11, 1862 and served in the Second Company G, 40th Regiment of North Carolina Troops and the 3rd Regiment of the North Carolina Artillery.²⁴ He was transferred to Company E, 13th Battalion, North Carolina Light Artillery on November 4, 1863, and was captured and paroled in Chatham County, North Carolina on April 26, 1865.²⁵ Orange County produced most of the soldiers of these two regiments, many from the church and the community served in those units and others.

On April 26, 1865, General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his Confederate Army to General William T. Sherman 13 miles south of Walnut Grove at the home of James Bennitt (now known as the Bennett farm). Suddenly, thousands of hungry northern soldiers headed home through the Walnut Grove community, eating what little food they could find remaining from the harvest of the previous autumn.²⁶ Thus began one of the most difficult times in the community's history. The economic problems that began with the absence of the men during the Civil War continued through the Reconstruction period. The only cash crop was tobacco and it brought, at best, 7 cents a pound. Wheat and corn brought 40 cents per bushel. Eggs might fetch 6 cents a dozen and chickens, twenty cents apiece.²⁷

²⁴ Louis Manarin, ed., North Carolina Troops 1861-1865, A Roster, Vol.I, Artillery, p. 450.

²⁵ Ibid., p. 591.

²⁶ Aubrey Lee Brooks, A Southern Lawyer, p.13.

²⁷ Ibid., p. 16.

In 1869, Reverend William Barringer came to the Hillsboro Circuit as the Presiding Elder. After making his first trip around the Circuit he remarked: "...in many instances, not much is left but their religion, but that makes them rich." In a letter dated March 7, 1870, he deplores the economic devastation he encountered in the Circuit but urges the people to give what they can. His letter closes with the comment "be faithful and liberal to the Church and ere long we shall all get out of the wilderness."

Reverend Barringer also discusses the issue of transgressions: "At the various quarterly meetings I have urged the importance of the administration of discipline when necessary...The object should be first to save, if possible. It is a sad and solemn thing to be cut off from the church of Christ; but if reformation cannot be effected, it should be done at all hazard, no matter who the subject is. The church cannot succeed with dead hearts and bad lives on board."

He goes on to speak of the newly freed slaves. "They have mostly left us, though some are still with us, attend our services and seem to be satisfied...While they remain among us, we should feel interested and labor as far as we may be able for their spiritual welfare."²⁸

After surviving foreclosure, the Civil War and Reconstruction,

²⁸ William Barringer, Letter to Raleigh Episcopal Methodist, March 16, 1870.

Walnut Grove Church was finally completed in 1870. With the addition of glass windows, benches and a ceiling, the members had a house of worship. Two years prior to that, Washington Jordan, a local Justice of the Peace,²⁹ acting as Superintendent, founded the first Sunday School in the Church. Church literature was impossible to come by so the children would use their spellers and slates. Mr. Jordan would read a passage of scripture to his students and explain it to them, thus familiarizing them with the words and scriptures in the Bible.

Robert Young Walker succeeded Mr. Jordan as Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. Walker, true to his name, would walk the ten miles round trip from his home in Schley to Walnut Grove Church each Sunday morning to lead the Sunday School. An appreciative congregation donated money to him to enable him to purchase a new pair of shoes to replace the pair he had worn out from the over 1,000 miles he traversed during the approximately two years that he made his trek every Sunday.

In 1882, Mr. John E. Blalock donated a pulpit Bible to Walnut Grove Church with the stipulation that it was not to be removed from the church building. With the exception of its move from the log church to the frame church and then to the present rock building, Walnut Grove has abided by his stipulation and the Bible remains in the church building to this day. Approximately that same year, Mr. John Wagoner built and donated to the Church a seat

²⁹ Octavia Jordan Perry, These Jordans Were Here, p. 224.

for the pulpit. It too remains in the church today. A table for communion services was loaned by Mrs. David McKee, wife of the owner of the property. This table is still today in the possession of Mrs. McKee's great great grandson, Mr. Marvin Phelps, and is over 200 years old.

A study of the membership registries of the church in the 1880's indicates that members were deleted from the church rolls for various reasons, revealing a different standard than that applied today. Not only did members have their names dropped by reason of death or transfer to churches such as Cedar Grove or New Bethel, other local Methodist Churches, but also members were expelled by the vote of the Church Conference. A few were listed as having withdrawn under censure and at least one was simply listed as "gone". Alcohol and its abuses was a problem then as well as now. Sidney Bumpass, the founding Circuit Rider, had written a preamble and resolution during the Annual Conference of 1847 regarding the question of whether a Methodist who made or sold distilled spirits could be disciplined. His resolution was adopted by the Conference instructing the members to discipline any Methodist found guilty of making and selling spirits.³⁰ One story from the early days of Walnut Grove tells of a member who arrived at church intoxicated and, despite the efforts of a fellow member to prevent him from entering the church, he proceeded to do so. He was expelled from the church for his indiscretion.

³⁰ Loy, p.8.

Any woman who found herself great with child without the benefit of marriage could also expect expulsion. While all have sinned and fallen short of the grace of God, some sins are much easier to cover from our fellow man than others.

One name that appears on the role of 1888 was that of Robert Drewry Daniel.

Remembered as an "ordinary man," he was born in 1874 and professed his faith

in 1891 at Walnut Grove before the

Reverend J.E. Bristowe, then serving

the Hillsboro Circuit. He was called

into the ministry and was admitted to

the North Carolina Conference in 1904.

The Conference appointed him to serve

the Henderson Mission in the Warrenton

District. He served in the itinerant

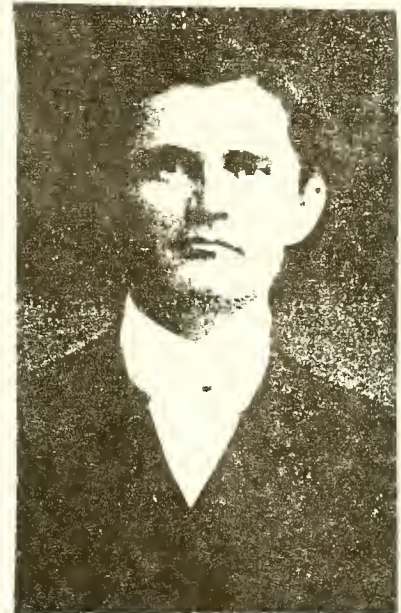
ministry form 1904 to 1912 and requested

voluntary location at Annual Conference in 1912. Listed as serving

the Hillsboro Circuit, including Walnut Grove, in the 1920 Journal,

he also served numerous other local appointments before his death

in Oxford on September 9, 1952.³¹



Robert Drewry Daniel

LAND, AT LAST

With the membership exceeding 200 members, it was apparent to

³¹ Journal of the North Carolina Annual Conference, 1920.

those at Walnut Grove that a log cabin was simply inadequate for church purposes. On January 6, 1891, Mr. Anthony W. Cole and his wife, Sarah A. Cole, who was 20 years his senior, conveyed to Eli D. Berry, John Parker, John Wagoner and D.B. Blalock, trustees of Walnut Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South, a one acre lot of land "lying on the South side of the Roxborough Road," 209 feet by 209 feet. In contrast to the first church, which took almost thirty years to complete, the second church was completed rapidly with Don Frederick as the contractor and John Smith, Sam Parker, Sam Horner and Jeff Riley as the builders. The first service in the new frame church was held on July 5, 1891. The frame church was officially dedicated on October 29, 1893 by the Reverend F.A. Bishop, a well known Methodist minister then serving in Durham. Inspired by the quick construction, he used Nehemiah 4:6, "for the people had a mind to work," as the text for the sermon. The Raleigh Christian Advocate wrote of the occasion: "Walnut Grove-The new Methodist Church was dedicated by the Rev. F.A. Bishop, Sunday, October 29th. This is quite a handsome country church, near Hillsboro."³² Reverend E.E. Rose accepted seven new members into Walnut Grove that day by profession of faith.

The frame church was located north of the existing cemetery and west of the existing rock church, between the "Roxborough Road" (now Walnut Grove Church Road) and the existing church



Frame church-south side

³² Raleigh Christian Advocate, November 8, 1893, p.4.

structure. The double front doors to the church faced the "Roxborough Road". The women entered by the south door, the men by the north door. They sat on opposite sides of the sanctuary. The Church had two rows of short pews on the north and south side with a row of long pews down the middle. The long pews had a center partition to separate the men and women. The church was heated by two wood stoves located near the front of the sanctuary. Having no electricity, light for night services came from the oil lamps along the walls.

On July 2, 1894, Miss Irene B. McKee conveyed to John A. Parker, Eli D. Berry, W.H. Wilkerson, John Wagoner and D. B. Blalock as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South an adjoining one acre lot also 209 feet by 209 feet to "be used, kept and maintained and disposed of as a burial ground and for the use of the Walnut Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South. Martha Horner Wagoner, who died in 1897, became the first member to be buried in the church cemetery.

Although fifty years passed between the founding of Walnut Grove Church and the building of the second frame church on the current church property, the community surrounding the church had changed very little. The community still consisted primarily of farmers and farm families, confined to their immediate neighborhood by the lack of transportation. Although Sunday School was apparently held each Sunday morning, worship services were only

held once a month, as the Minister that served Walnut Grove also served no less than three other Methodist churches. With the exception of 1892, when Walnut Grove was a member of the Caldwell Circuit in the Durham District, Walnut Grove continued as a part of the Hillsborough District until 1923, when it became a part of the Cedar Grove Charge. It would remain a part of this Charge until 1959.



Rev. E.E. Rose, minister at the
time of dedication of Frame church
(with children of Dr. A.C. Jordan)



Dick Miller and Irene
B. McKee Miller

Since worship services were held at Walnut Grove only one

Sunday per month, a tradition developed in the community of traveling from church to church located in the neighborhood for worship service. Walnut Grove held worship services on the first Sunday of each month, Little River Presbyterian Church held worship services on the second Sunday, Berry's Grove Baptist on the third Sunday, and New Bethel Methodist on the fourth Sunday. None of the churches held services on the fifth Sunday.³³ Some in the community, depending on where they lived, attended Cedar Grove Methodist on the fourth Sunday instead of New Bethel.

The tradition of the people of the community of traveling from one church to the other each Sunday morning to join with their neighbors in worship service has led to at least two traditions which continue to the present day. These four churches still gather for a joint Thanksgiving service held the Sunday night preceding Thanksgiving Day at one of the four churches each year on a rotating basis.

The second tradition arising from this early practice relates to the Homecoming service for each church. During the month of May each year, each of the four churches celebrates its Homecoming service and has done so for over sixty years. On the first Sunday in May, Walnut Grove celebrates its Homecoming. On the second Sunday in May, Little River celebrates its Homecoming followed by Berry's Grove on the third Sunday and New Bethel on the fourth Sunday during the month of May.

³³ Ruth Gates McBroom, An Orange County Childhood, p.59.

Although economic and travel conditions had changed little, there were other signs of change. One such sign was the construction of a school one mile north of the Church as well as other neighborhood schools in adjoining communities. The one room Breeze school was completed by 1899 and later expanded to two rooms. Children were fortunate to attend three or four days per week for four months during the winter. The building that housed the school still stands.



The Breeze School

Another sign of change was the location of a doctor, Dr. Archiblad C. Jordan, nephew of Walnut Grove's first Sunday School Superintendent,³⁴ and an apothecary store in the Caldwell

³⁴ Perry, p. 199.

community. Caldwell also had a boarding school, Caldwell Institute or Caldwell Academy, operated by Dr. Jordan.³⁵ Another school is located at Cedar Grove, the Hughes Academy overseen by Mr. Samuel Hughes.³⁶

These changes and improved transportation caused young people of the community and church to look beyond their immediate neighborhoods. One such person from Walnut Grove, Lester A. Tilley, was born on April 9, 1903. After completing his public education and teaching for a year, he attended Duke University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1929 and a Divinity degree in 1935. The North Carolina Annual Conference ordained him as an Elder in 1931 and appointed him to serve the Hemp Charge in Robbins, North Carolina. He served numerous other charges before his retirement in 1968. He continued as a Minister of Visitation at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh until his health failed in 1973. He died on June 2, 1974, survived by his wife, Beatrice Murphy Tilley and four children.³⁷



Rev. Lester A. Tilley

During those early times most people were married at home. However, there were

³⁵ Ibid., p.201.

³⁶ Ibid., p.199.

³⁷ Journal of the North Carolina Annual Conference, 1975.

a few early weddings at Walnut Grove's frame church. One was that of Annie Parrish (who later taught at Caldwell) to her third cousin, Charlie Parrish on May 4, 1902. Others included the marriage of Joe Woods to Rena Daniels, sister of Robert Drewry Daniel,³⁸ on February 8, 1899 and the wedding of Hubert Laws to Birdie Blalock on November 17, 1915 performed by Reverend J.M. Ormond.

No record exists of the number of Walnut Grove men who served during World War I. At least three are known to have served, Mr. Newby Jordan, Mr. Lawson B. Tilley and Mr. Vance Roberts. Others probably answered the call of their country.

The first Epworth League for the youth was organized in 1922 by Ms. Hazel Thompson (Stutts).

The first president of the youth group was J. M. (Jim) Hawkins, who would later as an adult serve the church in many capacities, including many years as the Treasurer of the Harvest Festival or building fund for the church. This group experienced rapid growth,



Frame church-front (note the construction of rock church)

³⁸ North Carolina Christian Advocate, Thursday, October 6, 1952, p.7.

increasing its number to 35 by 1930.³⁹ It later became the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and has, in recent years, divided into two groups, the Senior UMYF and the Kids of the Kingdom.

ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

On July 1, 1934, a history was compiled for a special day of worship. On that day the oldest and youngest members of the Sunday School were favored with flowers. Ms. Molly Turner Tilley was the oldest member and John Wesley Laws the youngest. Recognized were gifts to the church that were in use on that day in 1934. The seat in the pulpit was given by Mrs. H. G. (Birdie Blalock) Laws and Mrs. Vernon (Vesta Breeze) Ray. The chairs were given by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Miller. The alter table was given by Miss Nettie Wilson and the table scarfs by Mrs. Patty Roberts.

In 1939, after nearly a century of division, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Episcopal Church North reunited. That year they joined the Methodist Protestant Church to form the Methodist Church. In Orange County only three Methodist Churches, Efland, Chesnut Ridge and Orange Chapel, began as Methodist Protestant. All others in existence in 1939 were members of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.⁴⁰

³⁹ Journal of the North Carolina Annual Conference, 1930.

⁴⁰ Watson and Grill, pp. 67,68.

In 1933 Reverend S. F. Nicks was appointed to serve the Cedar Grove Charge, including Walnut Grove Church. Reverend Nicks had most recently served the Allensville United Methodist Church located in Person County, the same community which had produced Sidney Bumpass, the circuit rider who many years before had come to the Walnut Grove Community. While serving the Allensville church, Reverend Nicks had convinced the people of that community that they needed to replace the old frame church, which had served them since 1855, with a new building. Howard Haines, a Durham architect, had met with Reverend Nicks and members of the Allensville Community on the church grounds to discuss building a new church. While he was there, Mr. Haines noticed the stones located on the church ground and asked the members present if there were many of the white flint rock in the area. When told that those rocks were numerous, he designed the the Allensville United Methodist Church, completed in July of 1933, built of the native white flint rock.⁴¹

By the time that the Allensville Church had been completed, Reverend Nicks had moved to the Cedar Grove Circuit which included Walnut Grove. First, he convinced the membership at Cedar Grove to begin a new church structure. While that construction was in progress, he turned his attention to Walnut Grove. As at Allensville, he had again encountered an inadequate frame structure and much native white flint rock. Calling upon the same architect

⁴¹ Eaker, p.63.

as at Allensville and Cedar Grove, Howard Haines, and a building committee, consisting of Charles E. Berry as Chairman, Luther C. Tilley as Secretary, Hubert G. Laws as Treasurer and John E. Hawkins, J. Vance Roberts, Gorman Wilkerson, Brodie T. Blalock, J. Andrew Jordan, Newby N. Jordan, Joseph D. Woods, S. Josh Parker and John H. Brown, plans began to move forward. In the fall of 1936, Reverend Nicks asked the fourth quarterly Conference for the privilege of building a new church on the present site.

These were still Depression years and the community was agricultural. Despite their poor financial condition, the farmers of the community covenanted to give the money that they could earn from the amount of tobacco grown from one bag of fertilizer; "God's Acre" as Reverend Nicks referred to it. These donations amounted to more than \$1,000.00 and so the work began. The Duke Endowment Fund contributed \$2,500.00 and as the donations came, the work continued. Construction actually began on May 4, 1937. The native flint rock had been gathered from the fields of the farmers and piled into huge mounds on the grounds. A saw mill was set up on the property which would ultimately saw over 60,000 feet of lumber from timber donated by the local membership from their farms. The cement and nails and other materials were purchased as donations allowed or contributed by members of the church or the community. Most of the labor was performed by the membership with Mr. Sam Riley of Caldwell as head carpenter. The church was wired for electricity in anticipation of the Rural Electrification Administration providing power to the community, However, at the

time of construction there was no electricity and all of the labor was performed by hand.

During the construction of the church, Reverend Nicks was looking ahead to furnishing the interior. He continuously visited members and other interested people seeking donations, using his powers of persuasion to convince them to buy a window, a pew, a chair, or a light fixture. The large stained glass windows in the church were bought by members as memorials to loved ones and bronze plates with this information are located at each window. Other contributions are memorialized by plaques located inside the Church. In addition, many donations could not be so honored, but were appreciated just as much.

Services continued in the frame church during construction. Reverend Raymond E. Wilson held a revival in the frame building beginning the first Sunday in July in 1937. Reverend Wilson had married the daughter of Reverend Nicks but she died at a young age. His second wife, Josephine (Jodie) Woods, was from the Walnut Grove community.

Although not yet complete, the first service was held in the new rock structure on the first Sunday of November, 1939 by the Reverend S. F. Nicks, assisted by Mr. Alan Browning of Hillsborough. The old frame building was purchased and dismantled by Reverend Nicks. With the lumber he built a service station near the present location of Bartlett-Yancey High School in Caswell

County.

On December 9, 1939, Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation turned on the power to the community providing electric lights for the new church. Just as he had done at Allensville United Methodist Church, Reverend Nicks did not stay at Walnut Grove long enough to see the church finished. Reverend J. C. Williams came to the charge in November of 1940, with the church substantially complete and a few details to be finished. In addition, \$1,500.00 of unpaid debt remained. The final approximate cost of construction was \$18,000.00; however, that figure fails to include the labor, time and materials donated to the church by the membership and the community.

Reverend Samuel F. Nicks was a most interesting and inspirational man. He built seven different churches and remodeled several others during his 43 years of service to the Methodist Church. An avid teller of ghost stories, he often told people not to worry about the parts of the Bible they could not comprehend, but to live those that they did understand. He and his wife, Emma Woods Nicks raised six children; his son, Robert L. Nicks, also became a



Rev. S.F. Nicks

Methodist minister. Another child, Katherine Nicks McDade, taught school at Aycock School in Cedar Grove for many years before her retirement. Reverend S.F. Nicks died at the age of 72 in 1946. While he served Walnut Grove, he was assisted by a number of student ministers, including George Johnson, Millard W. Warren, Sr. John William Hammonds, Victor Hickman, David Reece, Robert L. Nicks (his son) and Vergil Queen.

A tribute to Reverend Nicks, from the 1946 Journal of the Annual Conference noted his efforts in building rural churches.

"Among the minister's most notable achievements was the part he played in erecting beautiful rural churches. Three of these buildings were constructed of stone and will long stand as monuments to his energy and concentration. Cedar Grove Church was constructed of "Duke University stone." The Walnut Grove and Allensville churches, Person County, are built of white flint rock gathered in the same section."⁴²

Walnut Grove owes much to this great servant of our Lord. The church building begun by his efforts has stood for 50 years and will stand for many years in the future as such a monument.

Walnut Grove Church was dedicated on Tuesday, April 14, 1942, the same date as the Durham District Conference. Bishop Clare Purcell led the service and District Superintendent A. J. Hobbs directed the work of the District Conference. The North Carolina Christian Advocate reported of the service ...

⁴² Journal of the North Carolina Annual Conference, 1946.

"The work of the day centered about the dedication, but this in no way detracted from the fine program of the conference. The discourses were above ordinary and the reports from the preachers were excellent. More than 400 crowded the house and partook of the bountiful dinner on the loaded tables in the yard. But in it all, that beautiful and adequate stone church must not be overlooked.



Rev. J.C. Williams

If there is a better appointed and more beautiful church in all rural North Carolina, we have not seen it. The design and simplicity of the arrangement will endure the passage of time. The atmosphere and churchly appointments will satisfy the most exacting in their taste."⁴³

The first funeral in the new church building was that of Ms. Lulu Morton Vanhook in 1939. The wedding of Ellen Frances Laws, whose parents were married in the frame church, to Madison A. Wilkins on December 21, 1946 was the first in the new church.

Through the years Walnut Grove gradually enlarged the church property. On July 19, 1943, Irene B. Miller (widow) conveyed to T. M. Riley, J. M. Hawkins, L. C. Tilley, L. H. Tilley, B. T. Blalock

⁴³ The North Carolina Christian Advocate, April 16, 1942. p.13.

and J. D. Woods, trustees of Walnut Grove Methodist Church, a parcel of land adjoining the cemetery. On that same day W. H. Cole and wife, Olga Cole, conveyed to the same group of trustees for the church additional property adjoining the church lot. Then on April 10, 1954, Mr. Cole conveyed to J. M. Hawkins, L. H. Tilley, T. M. Riley, B. T. Blalock, N. N. Jordan and S. J. Parker, trustees for the church, an additional lot adjoining the east side of the church property. In 1956, the Fellowship Hall was built on the east side of the church to provide a place for fellowship meals and other social needs of the church.

Before the completion of the new church building in 1942, the United States was attacked at Pearl Harbor, bringing this country into World War II. Again many of the husbands and sons of Walnut Grove families answered the call to take up arms and serve their country. A roll of their names is set forth on a plaque located in the Church.

Until 1959, Walnut Grove along with Cedar Grove, Carr and Prospect Methodist Churches⁴⁴ comprised the Cedar Grove Charge. In 1959 that Charge was split, leaving Carr and Walnut Grove as members of the Walnut Grove Charge. Thus, the two churches had to

⁴⁴ Prospect Methodist Church, now closed, was located in southern Caswell County. In 1886 the Reverend L.L. Nash held a revival at the church. Attendance at his first meeting was poor. On August 16, 1886 an earthquake damaged much of Charleston, South Carolina and shook this area. He reported a much larger congregation for the service that day with a crowd willing to do anything to assist. William S. Powell, A History of Caswell County, 1777-1977, P.442.

provide for the construction or purchase of a new parsonage to serve that Charge. At a special session of the quarterly conference of the Walnut Grove Charge, held on January 18, 1959, the charge received authorization to construct a parsonage. The Reverend Norman A. Desrosiers then served the charge. The parsonage was completed in the spring of 1960 during the time that the Reverend Sidney E. Stafford served the charge.

The parsonage was dedicated on Sunday, April 21, 1963 at 2:30 p.m. by the Reverend O. L. Hathaway, District Superintendent, assisted by Reverend Stafford. A joint resolution from the Administrative Boards of Walnut Grove and Carr Methodist Churches was passed, reading as follows:

"Be it resolved, that all of the following be commended for their service and dedication in the establishing of a parsonage on the Walnut Grove Charge: Mrs. I. S. Rogers, with Carr, and Mr. Jim Hawkins of Walnut Grove for serving as Treasurers; Mr. Will Wade, Mr. Cleon Roberts, and Mr. Jim Hawkins for serving as Parsonage Trustees; Mr. Rainey Terry and Mr. Jim Hawkins for serving as primary Contractors, and all others who worked on the building: Mr. W. W. Cole (deceased) for donating land and the church members and friends for their donations, both in money and in furnishings."

The total cost of the parsonage was fifteen thousand, five hundred, thirty four dollars and sixty eight cents (\$15,534.68),

20% of which was paid by the Carr church and 80% paid by Walnut Grove.

In 1871 the Evangelical Association voted by a margin of one vote to unite with the Methodists, however, they declined to do so due to the narrow support. Negotiations continued through the years and, in 1968, The Methodist Church joined with the Evangelical United Brethren to form the United Methodist Church. The church then acquired its current name, Walnut Grove United Methodist Church.⁴⁵

From the 1950's until the 1980's Walnut Grove was served by student pastors in the process of receiving their Divinity Degrees from Duke University. During many of those years the student pastors were assisted by field associates, who were also Divinity Students at Duke. In the late 1970's the membership as Walnut Grove began to see an increasing need for the church to be served by a full-time pastor who could devote his entire energies to shepherding the membership. Finally, in 1984, with the appointment of W. Clark Barfield as minister by the North Carolina Conference, the Walnut Grove Charge enjoyed their first full-time Minister in over thirty years.

From 1939 to 1963 Walnut Grove belonged to the Durham District of the North Carolina Annual Conference. In 1964 Walnut Grove moved, along with other Methodists in Orange County, to the

⁴⁵ James Armstrong, United Methodist Primer, p. 27.

Burlington District. This District recognized Elma Laws Hawkins as its District Layperson of the Year for 1988 for her years of service to Walnut Grove including her duties as treasurer of the Church for over 20 years. D. Michael Parker from Walnut Grove served as Lay Leader of the Burlington District from 1988 to 1991.

THE END OF THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Walnut Grove had continued from 1959 until the mid 1980's as a member of a two point charge with Carr United Methodist Church. Even with the appointment of a full-time Minister in 1984, Walnut Grove still felt its need unfulfilled. Therefore, in June of 1987 Carr United Methodist Church joined with Lebanon United Methodist Church, and Walnut Grove became a single station charge served by its first full-time minister, the Reverend R. Michael Sykes. At a special service held on June 14, 1987, led by Reverend Sykes, the Reverend F. Owen Fitzgerald, District Superintendent for the Burlington District delivered the sermon. That service marked the first Sunday for Walnut Grove as a station church served by a full-time minister. Since becoming a station church, Walnut Grove has continued to grow in average Sunday attendance. By deed dated October 12, 1986 from Curtis Foushee and Rachel Foushee, trustees for Carr United Methodist Church to Russell Wagoner, Henry Clayton and Elma Hawkins, trustees for Walnut Grove, Walnut Grove purchased the 20% interest in the parsonage owned by Carr United Methodist Church.

In the summer of 1987, through contributions of labor and finances by a number of the members, the Church was air conditioned. The Church added 2.31 acres to the east side of the parsonage lot by deed to the trustees from William H. Heriford and wife, Helen Heriford dated March 1, 1991. The church property now consists of 16.34 acres, inclusive of the church and cemetery.

EPILOGUE

Through 150 years of history with the celebration of its 150th Anniversary on October 6, 1991, Walnut Grove has continued to exhibit the same faith as that of the apostles of old. Many of the same families in the community in 1841 have joined new families in making Walnut Grove a living testimony to the work of Jesus Christ in our community. Just as the Bible provides the testimony of so many saints to guide our way, we have the heritage of so many forbearers to show us the workings of faith. And just as the spirit of our Lord led our forbearers to establish Walnut Grove Church so many years ago and to maintain it through the years, we too, acting through that same spirit, must light the paths for our children to continue in the faith.



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Arlene Allison Foster, George Allison, Virgie Allison Woods, Annie Elizabeth Horner Allison, Elbert Allison, Katherine Allison Glosson and Minnie Wagoner Horner (in doorway) in front of frame Church, 1936.

APPENDIX A
MEMBERSHIP ROLL

OLDEST ROLL (PRIOR TO 1883)

NOTE: This is the oldest roll in the possession of the church. At least one page is missing. It includes members who died as early as 1883 and concludes with those who joined in 1887. Every effort has been made to "interpret" the names and handwriting correctly. Where the date is given for the individual joining Walnut Grove, that date is included here. Names which appear more than once also appear on that roll more than once. It includes names that were either crossed off the roll and those who were separated from the church by death or other reason.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>		
Aviry, Pink		Horner, Charlie	1887
Ball, Cornelia		Elizabeth	
Letitia		Elizabeth T.	
Samuel		George	1887
Berry, Artelia		Isabella	
D.E.	1887	James	1887
Eli		Jasper F.	1885
Eli D.		John	1885
Judie Betsy Taylor		John A.	
Julia A. Wagoner		John C.	
M.F.	1887	John S.	
Mollie L.		Mag	
Blalock, Angeline		Mary	
Annis L.		Sudie	1887
Birnet		Willie L.	1885
Elmira		Hundly, Sarah J.	
James A.		James, Lancy M.	
Martha J.		Jones, Martha A.	
Rowan Breeze		Jordan, Elizabeth T.	
Thomas N.	1887	Jennie	1887-T
Tom		John W.	
Bowling, Fannie B.		Mary	
James D.		Mary T.	
Ruth		Thomas L.	
Sarah		Virainia W.	
Burton, H.B.		William H.	
Joe		Kinion, Maggie E.	
Lucinda		Laws, Martha Jordan	
Mary C.		McBroom, Charles W.	
Cary, Sadie		Fannie Collins	
Vance		James R.	
Cates, Marva D.		Mary E.	
Cole, Anthony		R.M.	1885
Sarah		William A.	
Collins, Elizabeth E. Wilkerson		McKee, Henry C.	
Peggy		Monk, Ellen Wilkerson	
Daugherty, Enieline	1885	John	
Daniel, Sarah T. Parker		Montgomery, Alice	1887
Davis, Gideon		Minnie	1887
Jack L.			
Dunnegan, Adolphus E.		Murray, Cynthia	
Annis		Fannie	
Caroline		James I.	
Ed C.		Josiah	
Graham, Martha T. Smith			
Robert N.			
Hargis, James L.			
Sarah C.			
Hawkins, Artelia			
Hopkins, Martha			
William W.			

Parker, Annis Graham Berry	
Ary Wagoner	
Daisy	
Elizabeth	
John A.	
Julia Ann	
Mary J.	
Minerva	
Nannie L. Dunnagan	
Samuel M.	
Susan A. Wagoner	
Picket, Josephine R.	
Porterfield, Artelia	
James	
Jane	
Mary	
Smith, Eugenia Alice	1885
Martha	
Martha	1887
Minnie	1887
Stephen	1887
Taylor, D.S.	1887
Lucy J.	
Thomas	1887
Terry, Bedford M.	1887
J.S.	1887
Tilley, Mollie T.	
Toler, Alice	1887
Bettie	1887
Robert	1887
Tarmesia	
Turner, Abner	1887
Addie E.	
Edward A.	1887
E.M.	1887
James	1887
James C.	
Jeff D.	1887
John D.C.	1885
Martha W.	1887
Tirsan A.	
Wagoner, Annis	1887
Elizabeth	
Elizabeth	
Felix	
Frances	
Julia A.	
John	
John	
John O.	
Minnie F.	1887
Mollie Lee	
Rosa N. Horner	
Will C.	
Zachariah	
Wedding, Lusie	
Joseph	
Wilkerson, Artelia	
Fannie	1887
H.R.	1887
John H.	1887
Maggie	1887
Martha	
Martha T.	
Nancy T.	
Nannie E.	
Ollie C.	1887
Robert	
Sallie	
Sallie	
Sarah T.	
S.H.S.	1887
W.E.	1887
W.H.	1887
W.H.	
Wilson, Angeline R.	
Felix	
J.N.	
William T.	
Wright, Fannie	
George N.	
Lillie V.	
Pattie	

APPENDIX B
MEMBERSHIP ROLL

SECOND ROLL (1888-1903)

NOTE: Most of the first page of this roll has faded to the point of being illegible. Again, every effort has been made to "interpret" the names and handwriting correctly. Where the date the individual joined the church is given on the roll, that date is included here. Names which appear more than once here also appear on that roll more than once. It includes names that were either crossed off the roll and those who were separated from the church by death or other reason. Many of the names appear on the prior roll as well.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>	
Allen, Jennie Daniels	10-31-1893	Graham, Martha T. Smith
Lillie	8-7-1902	Martha J.
Thomas N.	8-7-1898	Robert N.
Allison, Jennie Daniels	10-31-1893	Gunn, Alice Toler
Mary A. Parker	9-8-1899	Hargis, James L.
Berry, Annie E.	9-1-1901	Sarah C.
Artelia		Harris, Della Estelle Parker
Bessie E.	8-1-1903	Maggie Wilkerson
D.E.	1887	Harrison, Mollie Lee Wagoner
Eli		Walter N.
Eli D.		Hawkins, Artelia
John Saunders	8-10-1896	Henry
Judie B.		Lissie Virginia
Julia A. Wagoner		Nannie Ethel
Mannie E.	8-7-1902	Hopkins, Chandler Arcadamus
M.F.	1887	Charles
Mollie H.		John Edward
Mollie L.	10-13-1898	Martha H.
Blalock, Elmira		William Raney
Mary N.		William Willis
Martha D.		Horner, Bertie
Thomas	1887	Charlie
Rowan Breeze		Elizabeth
Breeze, Cassie	8-7-1903	George
Browning, Martha	9-16-1896	Hilda
Thomas J.	9-16-1896	James
Burton, Martha B.		Jasper F.
Martha C.		John
Sallie Lee	8-20-1895	John T.
Candler, Lola McK.	12-4-1899	Maggie
Thomas T.	12-4-1899	Maggie A.
Cary, Emma		Maggie Wilkerson
Cates, Marva D.		Mary
Clayton, Sadie Cary	1887	Minnie L. Wagoner
Sallie Porterfield	8-10-1896	Sudie
Cole, Anthony Wayne	10-14-1898	Sudie
Sarah		Willie L.
William Henry	8-10-1896	Hundley, Thomas
Coleman, Joseph H.	11-3-1895	James, Lucy M.
Nannie E. Wilkerson	1885	Samuel
Collins, Elizabeth E.		W.W.
Martha F. Wilkerson		Jones, Martha A.
Peggy		Jordan, Charlie J.
Daugherty, Emeline	1885	Daisy
Daniel, Robert D.	1891	Eliza H.
James A.	8-10-1896	Ira Thomas
Martha	8-20-1895	John Wesley
Sarah T.		Lillie
Dickey, Lilly E. Wagoner	1892	Mary E.
Dodson, Addie E. Turner	1885	Mary H.
Dunn, Fannie Parker	10-31-1893	Robert Edward
Dunnegan, Caroline		William P.
Frederick, Robert	1891	

Kinion, Bert W.	8-20-1895
Johnnie	8-20-1895
Julius H.	8-10-1896
Laura	8-20-1895
Maggie E.	
Laws, James L., Jr.	8-20-1895
Martha	
McBroom, Annie Lee	9-5-1897
Frances	
Mary E.	
W.Y.	1886
McDade, Jennie Jordan	1887
McKee, Henry C.	
Willie Lee	8-10-1896
Malloy, Annie L.	6-2-1901
Moise, Sarah	10-6-1899
Monk, Ellen	
Emma	8-20-1895
John	
Montgomery, Alice	1887
Mooresfield, Eugenia	8-10-1900
Virginia Nona	8-10-1900
Neville, Martha W. Turner	1887
Parker, Annis G.	
Ary	
Elizabeth	
Eugene	9-8-1889
John A.	
John Raney	8-10-1894
Julia Ann	
Mary E. Jordan	1892
Minerva	
Nannie L.	
Susan A.	
Tezzie	9-1-1901
W.H.	8-10-1896
William H.	
Picket, Josephine R.	
Pope, Ina L.	10-31-1893
Porterfield, Jane	
Mary J.	9-12-1889
William P.	9-8-1889
Riley, Ella L.	9-6-1896
Emma Wagoner	9-8-1889
Sartin, Annis Hopkins	9-8-1889
William	8-20-1895
Smith, Eugenia A.	1885
Martha	1887
Stephen	1887
Taylor, D.L.	1887
Fannie B. Bowling	
Thomas	1887
Terrill, Della R.	9-8-1899
Terry, Bedford M.	1887
Elizabeth	
J.S.	1887
Sallie B. Wheeley	8-10-1896
Thompson, Lillie S. Jordan	1892
Tilley, Archie P.	10-4-1896
Lanle Myrtle	8-7-1902
Luther Currie	11-18-1900
Mollie T.	
Toler, Abner	1887
Bettie	1887
Edward A.	1887
Finir P.	8-20-1895
James	1887
Robert	1887
Tarmesia	
Trim, Annie	8-11-1899

Turner, Annie Lee	1891
E.M.	1887
James T.	9-8-1889
James C.	1885
Jeff T.	1887
John D.C.	1885
Nannie	9-8-1889
Sudie	1887
Susan E.	
Wagner, Robert	10-14-1898
Wagoner, Annie H.	8-7-1903
Elizabeth	
Elizabeth	
Emiline Toler	5-14-1896
Felix	
Ibbie	
Isabelle	8-10-1894
John	
Rosa M.	
William	
William	8-20-1895
William Nash	8-10-1896
Willis L.	8-20-1895
Zachariah	
Walker, Minnie Montgomery	1887
Waters, Annis Wagoner	1887
Wheeley, Roxie	8-20-1895
Wilkerson, Artelia	
Bessie	8-19-1900
Elizabeth	
Fannie	1887
H.R.	1887
John H.	1887
Mary F.	8-10-1896
Ollie C.	1887
Otis P.	8-7-1900
Rosa	10-31-1893
Sallie	
Sallie	
Sarah T.	
S.H.S.	1887
Thomas J.	8-10-1896
W.E.	1887
W.H.	1887
Walker L.	1892
Wilson, Carrie	
Felix	
Floyd L.	8-7-1902
Ingraham	8-10-1896
John T.	10-6-1889
Martha Caraway	10-31-1893
Mary N. Blalock	8-20-1895
Preston P.	8-7-1902
Sadie Caraway	10-31-1893
Willson, Laura	1892
Woods, Syrena Daniel	10-31-1893
Wright, Charles robert	8-10-1896
Fannie	
John E.	1887
Lillie V.	
Maggie E.	11-3-1895
Ophelia	8-20-1895
Pattie	
Sallie V.	
Thomas	9-6-1896

APPENDIX C

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

1925-1991

NOTE: This is a composite roll of the membership at Walnut Grove from 1926 to 1991. It is compiled from four separate membership rolls containing six lists of the members of the church. Some names may be duplications since names often appear in different rolls with different spellings and with and without middle names or initials. Women who joined the church under their maiden names and later married have their married names included in parenthesis where that name is known. Every effort has been made to correctly interpret handwriting and spelling. Where the date of joining is given in the roll, the date is set forth here. Some ministers kept better records than others so there may be omissions, however, those below are all that are listed on the rolls.

Albert, Helen (Pope)		Berry, Alease (Barnes)	
Ruby (Parker)		Allie Geneva	
Allison, Annie Horner		Alma Jean (Green)	
Arlene (Foster)		Angela Kay Butler	6-4-1989
Blanche Wall		Annie	
Clarice		Annie Hall	May, 1954
Elbert		Brenda Walker	11-7-1976
Felicia Wilkerson		Betty Jean (McCulloch)	1957
Frances (Rimmer)	7-6-1930	Newby Bryant	
Jessie (Mrs.)		Carrie	
Kathryn (Glosson)		Charlie E.	
Marian Eloise (Houck)	4-6-1969	Charlotte	6-10-1955
Rebecca Jean (Crabtree)	1960	Cora Whitaker	
Sarah (Clayton)	7-2-1972	Cynthia Jane (Cates)	12-27-1981
Virgie		David Rodwell, Sr.	4-6-1969
Ashby, Bernice Clayton	1961	David Rodwell, Jr.	7-22-1990
Danny	1961	Debbie (Snipes)	7-2-1972
Joe	1961	Emma	
Melvin	1961	Eula B.	
Norma		Foy	
Ricky	1961	Gladys	
Ashley, Billie		Grady	
Eunice		Helen Gates	5-7-1950
Frances (Godwin)		Hooker C.	
Harold	6-20-1948	Jerome	
Harold Jones		Jimmy Lewis	11-7-1976
Hattie		John Saunders	
Hattie Blalock	3-8-1928	Kathryn (Daniel)	1953
Iris Shotwell	7-2-1972	Keith	7-2-1972
Lottie May (Miller)		Lisa Ashley	2-14-1982
Lena		Lisa McKenzie	12-27-1981
Henry Millard		Margaret Elaine	4-6-1969
Martin Phillip	1964	Margaret Sumner	
Millard	1942	Margaret Vaughn	1959
Rena Dunnegan		Marshall Pertain	5-7-1950
William Woody		Mollie	
Barefoot, Sherry Edwards	12-2-1990	Nancy Lee	1962
John Robert, Jr.	12-2-1990	Ollie	
Bellomo, Josephine Holthouser	9-18-1990	Peggy Lou (Mustian)	
		Ralph	
		Rena	1929
		Sadie (Davis)	
		Sylvia (Overby)	6-16-1946
		Vera (Horner)	
		Vyrtee	
		Walter	
		Wayne Hall	May, 1954
		Weldon	
		William Delmo, Sr.	
		William Delmo, Jr.	3-30-1975

Blalock, Angie Renee	7-23-1989	Clayton, Ann R.	3-28-1983
Brodie		Annie (Epps)	
David Nelson	4-16-1991	Arthur	7-6-1930
Elizabeth Nelson	5-18-1952	Bessie Parker	9-2-1923
James M.	1961	Blanche Parker	
Jennie		Bobby	7-12-1947
Jennifer Rhew	3-23-1979	Clarice Long	6-5-1948
Jesse		Cora Lee (Staley)	
John E.		Douglas Tyson	November, 1951
Lizzie		Edith (Coble)	
Mary Jane Wall	10-26-1979	Elizabeth Wilkerson	8-5-1928
Maude Breeze		Fannie (Porterfield)	
Michelle Rhew	6-4-1989	Henry	
Nannie Hawkins		Janet Elizabeth	8-5-1928
Ollie Knox		Janice Clayton	9-22-1987
Otha		Jennifer Lynn	5-31-1987
Pattie Lee (Roberts)		Joe	
Roan D.		John O.	8-18-1982
Sadie (Mincey)		Larry	7-2-1972
Thomas Nelson	1961	Lela (McCullough)	
Thomas N.		Linda	
Vance	8-5-1928	Lois (Fuqua)	
Virginia Albert		Luther	
Blythe, Ruby Jordan		Luna (Graham)	
Boland, Gertrude Parker		Minnie	
Boling, Cathy Leigh Lovitte	9-30-1990	Minnie	
Charles Christopher	9-30-1990	Pauline Riley	
Breeze, Annie		Ralph	
Billy		Rena (Hawkins)	8-5-1928
Jimmie		Roy	
Jawzie		Sallie F.	
Mamie		Sallie Porterfield	
Tom		Vera	6-17-1945
Vesta (Ray)		Walter	
W.A.		Cole, Malcolm	April, 1942
William W.		Olga Wright	
Bradsher, Bennie	5-30-1976	Oneida (Beasley)	
Carol Lougee	9-30-1976	Sarah	
Broughton, Rachel		William Douglas	3-30-1975
Ruby	7-12-1946	William Henry	April, 1942
Brown, Cora Brown Gates		Valda	7-6-1930
John H		Wilmouth	
Marie		Collins, Annie	
Carden, Vera		Compton, Larry Thomas	4-24-1953
Carey, Dewey B., Jr.		Crabtree, Allyson Renee	5-31-1987
Dewey B.	August, 1925	Beulah	
Emma		Bertha Scott	
Frances (Burgess)		Donald	7-2-1972
Marjorie (Spruill)	6-20-1948	Daniel, Berpard Carroll	
Ralph	August, 1925	Bobby	
Ruby (Pachell)	August, 1925	Carol (Strange)	3-26-1973
Sadie Dodson		Donald	3-26-1973
Juanita (Griffin)		Esther Rhew	6-17-1945
Cash, Annie M.		Eunice (Thomas)	
Cates, Sam		Hortense	
Herbert J., III	9-17-1967	Larry Wayne	4-24-1953
Jorene (Evans)	6-17-1945	Lessie	
Joyce Evelyn (Brown)	July, 1951	Linda Carol	4-24-1953
Nancy Carolyn (Tidwell)	July, 1951	Lola Harris	
Rodney Michael	8-22-1989	Lucille (Berry)	
William Todd		Mabel	
Cecil, Lynne Parker	6-3-1984	Nancy Lou	3-26-1973
Chapman, Catherine Ruth	6-1-1986	Rainey	
Chatham, Myrtle (Crabtree)		Rainey (Mrs.)	8-13-1947
Sallie		Ralph C.	
		Raynell Elizabeth (Isley)	July, 1951
		Richard Harris	July, 1951
		Wayne	
		Zeb	7-2-1972
		Sallie (Abernathy)	

Davis, Lela (Rimmer)	
Lucy	
Mabel	
May Fields	
Pattie Parker	7-6-1930
Dean, Ricky, Edward	7-16-1990
Dickey, Follie Watson	
Sudie	
Dunnagan, Esther	
W. Euart	
Edwards, Frank Hays	4-28-1946
W.T.	4-28-1946
Walter	
Zan Thomas	4-28-1946
Epps, Annie	
Franklin, Artie Lee	4-8-1990
Clarence Edward	6-1-1952
Finley, Lula Laws	
Frederick, Mozelle	
Gates, Andy Griffin, Jr.	9-16-1990
Cora (Brown)	8-8-1923
Fannie B.	
Fletcher T., Jr.	3-5-1973
Karyn Anna	11-13-1988
Marie	
Ruth Carey	
Graham, Luna Clayton	
Gray, Mary (Wilkerson)	8-8-1924
Greeson, Fannie Sue	
Grinstead, Mary Jane (Taylor)	6-22-1948
Hall, Carolyn Martin	9-8-1982
Gwendolyn Kae	5-31-1987
James, Coleman	5-31-1987
Janice Graham	9-20-1987
Lloyd Russell	9-20-1987
Lynne Hobby	11-30-1979
Thomas Coy	2-8-1987
William Edward	11-30-1979
Hamm, Phyllis Roberts	8-25-1975
Harrison, Charles Philip	
Daniel B.	
Medie F. (Horner)	
Millie	
Mollie Scott	
Mollie	
Pearl	
Walter	
Hawkins, Alvin H.	
Annie Belle Walters	8-19-1924
Billy Calvin	6-17-1945
Carol Lewis	July, 1951
Christi Elizabeth	6-16-1991
Cora Wilson	
Diane (Hankins)	6-10-1955
Donna	7-2-1972
Doris (Cates)	
Edith (Davis)	
Evelyn (Michael)	
Frank	
Frederick Adams	5-7-1950
James M.	
James Melvin	
J.C.	
Jerry Alvin	4-24-1953
John E.	
Karen (Purcell)	3-25-1973
Katherine Thomas "Kitty"	9-27-1987
Kenneth Thomas	5-7-1950
Lewis Carroll	1951
Lottie Mae (Lynch)	
Lottie Rountree	
Mamie Mincey	
Marie (Lucas)	
Mary Frances (Pope)	
Melba (Walker)	7-6-1930
Nancy Lee (Overcash)	
Nannie Blalock (Odom)	
Peggy Ann (Terry)	5-7-1950
Rachel (Cole)	

Hawkins (continued)	
Rena Clayton	
Sandra (Walker)	6-20-1948
Sarah Lou (Norris)	6-17-1945
Staci Katherine	5-31-1987
Thaddeaus	
Wade Roosevelt	5-7-1950
Walter Warren	5-7-1950
Walter W.	
Willard	
Homolo, John	3-25-1973
Hopkins, Claude	
Gladys (Wright)	
Louise (Veasley)	
Martha L.	
Mary M.	
Oscar F.	
Horner, Annie	April, 1943
Bessy	
Billie	
Elaine (Parker)	
Elbert	
Fannie Sue	
Frank	
George	
Hannah Lou (Brooks)	6-17-1945
Hazel Riley	8-5-1928
Jesse James	6-16-1948
John Thomas, Jr.	June, 1946
John Thomas, Sr.	
Mary Dunnegan Daniel	
Mary Lou (Johnson)	6-17-1945
Maggie	
Margaret	6-17-1945
Minnie	
Nettie	
Ruby (Morris)	7-6-1930
Sudie B. (Clayton)	
Thelma Long	April, 1943
Thomas	6-17-1945
William Lee, Jr.	
Willie L.	April, 1943
Woodrow	
Horton, Kimberly William	11-13-1988
Richard Alan	11-6-1988
Hundley, Bessie (Horner)	
Ira	
Isaac	
Ruth	
Jacobs, Mamie Dunnegan	
Jennings, Terry Monroe	9-20-1987
Jones, Anna Carol	2-5-1989
Brenda W.	1979
Cheryl Lynn	5-31-1987
David Odell	6-4-1989
Norman	1979
Julia Dawn	6-13-1974
Lois Nedro	6-13-1974
Nedra Michelle	6-13-1974
Ronald Ralph, III	6-13-1974

Jordan, Alvin Warren		McCulloch, Ada Parker	
Aurora Braxton		Annie Martha Terry	
Bessie (Cates)	9-5-1926	Belle (Potter)	
Doris Aileen (Porterfield)		Bettie Parker	
Edith (Peebles)		Delia Cates	7-9-1929
Eliza		Hattie	7-2-1972
Ira (Mrs.)		Jerry	
Ira	8-5-1928	Joe E.	
James		J.J.	
James Andy	8-7-1927	Lela Clayton (Kimrey)	
James Ira (Mrs.)		Maggie (Jackson)	
James Wesley	6-17-1945	Naomi	7-9-1929
James Wesley (Mrs.)	4-1-1956	McDade, Jeff	
J.W.		Jennie Jordan	
Lambert	8-5-1928	Lettie May	
Louise Strayhorn	June, 1942	Mamie	
Mamie Berry		Mary Belle	
Myrtice (Stubbins)	7-6-1930	Thomas Harrell	
Newby N.		William Lee	
Ruby (Dillon)		McKee, Helen	
Tommy	6-17-1945	Lessie	
Virginia (Dillon)		Mildred	
Wesley Tyson		Mann, Amick	
Kenion, Maggie		Lillian	
Knight, Lillian	9-2-1923	Monk, Betty James (Freeland)	6-20-1948
Nettie	8-8-1928	Mamie Porterfield	
Laws, Birdie Blalock		Patricia (Hester)	
D.A. "Bill"		Moore, Lilly Clayton	3-25-1973
Edward		Morris, Carolyn Slate	7-1-1980
Ellen Francis (Wilkins)		Morrison, Eleanor	4-19-1983
Elma (Hawkins)	8-7-1927	Murray, Dorbthy	3-25-1973
Era (Carr)	7-6-1930	Norman	3-25-1973
Eugene		Mustian, Al	2-8-1987
Evelyn (Parker)		Norris, Martha Wilson	
Frances Christine (Tilley)		Oakley, Deborah Jean	1964
J.E. (Ed)		Lisa Dement	9-20-1987
John Wesley		Lloyd Randolph, Jr.	1964
Hubert G.		Overcash, Claire Parker	7-30-1989
James, Jr.		Jolinda	
Lula (Finley)		Robert Daniel	3-30-1975
Marion Jean (Wrenn)	5-7-1950	Rodney Lee	1974
Martha		Parker, Alice	
Melba		Alice Horner	5-30-1976
Olga Roberts		Anna Lou Cates	
Ora		Arthur Warren	
Rainey		Barbara Alice (Wood)	July, 1951
Rainey (Mrs.)		Barbara Parker	9-18-1988
Rebecca (Wilson)		Barry Laws	4-6-1969
Sallie		Bessie	
Virginia (Jones)	11-2-1947	Betsy Beam (Holt)	6-17-1945
Zula Wilson		Betsy Ann Nutter	1978
Lawson, Bryan Trent	6-31-1987	Charlie	5-7-1950
Lewis, Dorothy Jordan	1956	Cheryl Smithson	6-3-1984
Long, Grace (Wade)		Christine (Woods)	6-16-1946
John E.		Clarice (Webster)	
Lessie		Clifton	
Michael Edward	10-31-1976	Claude	
Lovitte, Linwood	6-1-1986	Cynthia Lee (Sherron)	4-6-1969
Loy, Samuel White	July, 1981	David Michael	1966
Wanda Murphy	July, 1981	Dorothy (Roberts)	1964
Lunsford, Howard Dillon		Ethel Wilson	8-8-1923
Howard Dillon, Jr.		Floyd	
Lynch, Charlotte Ann	1964	Geraldine (Lunsford)	4-24-1953
Daisy (Jordan)		Gertrude (Boland)	
John Rainey		Howard	1972
Kathy Irene (Brown)	4-6-1969	Hubert	8-8-1923
McBroom, Fannie (Bradshaw)		Hurley	7-6-1930
Marie		Hortense (Daniel)	
Minnie McDade	4-24-1953	Ida Carey	
Moriah		Ira	
Vernon		Jeff	
		Joe	8-8-1923
		Julia	
		Lee Hannah	5-7-1950
		Lois (Evans)	6-17-1945
		Lorraine Hall	8-22-1978

Parker (continued)		Rimmer, Clarice Allison	8-5-1928
Mamie		Frances Allison	
Martha (Wheeley)		Roberts, Annie	1941
Mary Belle (Gravitte)	6-16-1946	Carolyn Pittard	11-15-1970
Mary L.	7-6-1930	Charlie Frances (Terrell)	8-8-1923
Mary Lee (Dukes)		Claiborne	7-12-1946
Mary W.		Cleon	1941
Merle Jeanette (Brown)		Clyde	5-7-1950
Minnie (Thompson)	8-8-1923	Clyde Tommy	11-30-1969
Mary Watson		Donald	
Nannie L.		D.T.	
Nelson Cooper		Edith Ross	5-7-1950
Orma Webb		Edith Scott	1953
Patricia Wheeley	10-3-1976	Ethel Hawkins	
Paul Wilson	1961	Ida Jordan	
Ronald Clay	3-30-1975	James Ivey	
Samuel Joshua		Irma Jean (Homolo)	
Samuel Joshua, Jr.		John Vance	
Samuel Joshua Parker, III		Luna Mae Harrison	6-10-1955
Sarah		Mary Thomas (Truesdale)	
Stevie Clifton	1964	Millard	4-13-1952
Susan		Pattie (Blalock)	
Timothy Joel		Robin Denise (Ford)	10-18-1970
Ula (Gates)	3-5-1975	Russell	
Vernon	7-12-1947	Shirley Hall	1961
Vivian "Bill"		Thomas D.	
Parrish, Ed David		Robinson, Ruth Parker	6-3-1984
John		Rountree, Blanch (Thomas)	
Maude Carey		Mary Ethel (Ballard)	7-6-1930
Pearson, Allen	9-5-1926	Draughn	8-8-1923
Annie	8-8-1923	Margaret (Cates)	
Ruth		Milton	
Tinie		Rudder, C.B.	8-8-1923
Viola Scarlett		Clarence E.	8-8-1923
William R.		Erlest	
Penland, Douglas	7-2-1972	Giles A. "Jack"	8-8-1923
Pope, Jennie Eva Parker		Rosa Watson	
Helen		Willie H.	8-8-1923
Ruth Roberts		Rumley, Octavia	
Pore, Julia (Porterfield)		Sartin, Annie	
Porterfield, Annie Daniel	10-8-1946	Claude	
Betsy Gail (Parker)	1964	George	
Billy	6-16-1946	T. Haywood	
Carrie J. (Riley)		Zera	
Fannie Clayton		Sally, Janet Ivey	
Gattis	August, 1925	Robert A.	
Irving		Scott, Amelia	
Jesse O.		Annie Wilson	
Jesse Richard	1964	Beulah (Crabtree)	
Julia		Betsy	6-17-1945
Kay Frances (Parker)	4-6-1969	Carl	6-20-1948
Lula		Elizabeth (Price)	
Mamie E. (Monk)		Eula Rimmer	
Vernon		Joe Forrest	6-17-1945
William Forrest		Hager	6-17-1945
Powell, Edward Joyner	1-21-1982	Hal (Mrs.)	
Karen Melissa	7-23-1989	Hal Thomas	
Michael Garrett	7-23-1989	Harold Lee	June, 1942
Sue Taylor	1-21-1982	Lewis	
Price, Elizabeth		Rainey Thomas	July, 1951
Reeves, Lea Routh	10-22-1989	Sharpe, Elbert	
Robert Conrad	10-22-1989	James M.	
Rhew, Janie (Brown)	6-16-1946	Mary Ellis	
Riley, Carrie Porterfield		Ophelia	
Claude Hughes		Shantz, Margery D.	8-28-1977
Cora Lee (Rountree)		Sheppard, Henry C.	8-1-1948
Coy		Laura Kathryn	8-1-1948
Ella L.		JoAnn (Cates)	7-12-1948
Emeline W.		John Billy	6-16-1946
Ephraim	7-6-1930	Maxine (Hawkins)	6-16-1946
Era (Edwards)			
Frances (Fonville)			
Hazel (Horner)			
Jack Thomas			
Mildred (Tilley)			
Pauline (Clayton)			
Thomas M.			

Sheridan, Allan Turner	4-7-1968	Tilley, Beatrice Murphy	August, 1925
Carol Ann	4-7-1968	Charles Wesley	
Paul Robert	4-7-1968	Dora Kennedy	10-9-1931
Sherron, John Earl		Doris	7-6-1930
Slack, Hattie Lee McDade	October, 1940	Frances Christine	
Smith, Annie		Glenda Lou (Woods)	6-10-1955
David	6-10-1955	Gerry	
Elbert	11-7-1954	Iris Crabtree	5-9-1976
Elbert (Mrs.)	11-7-1954	Lacy H.	
Jerry	6-10-1955	Lacy Hughes	
L'zzie Cameron		Lathan Gilbert	4-24-1953
Mary Elizabeth (Rainey)	July, 1951	Laura	6-20-1948
Mary Lee (Sidle)	6-10-1955	Lawrence C.	7-12-1947
May Parker	3-8-1928	Lawson	
Paul	4-1-1956	Lester Archie	
Sylvia (Lankford)	6-10-1955	Beatrice Murphy	August, 1925
Solomon, Alice		Lila Grace (Day)	
Thomas G.		Linda Grey (Lovitte)	
Sparks, Herbert Ainsworth	12-27-1981	Lois	
James Aaron	12-27-1981	Loy G.	
James Austin	12-27-1981	Loy G., Jr.	
Jane Lynch	12-27-1981	Luther Currie	
Sumner, Andy	7-2-1972	Mary Frances	7-6-1930
Broadie		Mildred Riley	
Carolyn (Parker)	11-15-1970	Mollie T.	
Linda (Shephard)	11-15-1970	Rhonda Gaye	6-1-1986
Louise	7-2-1972	Ruby Wilkerson	1957
Sandra (Penland)		Sonja Hougom	2-8-1987
Sykes, Benjamin Michael	4-8-1990	Wayne Wright	
Billy		Wesley D. (West)	
Bryan Michael	5-31-1987	Wesley Lee	3-30-1975
Emily Ann	4-16-1991	Toler, John Woods	6-16-1946
Patricia Ann	8-7-1986	Mattie Woods	
William		Nannie Sudie	
William (Mrs.)		Robert J.	
Swiggett, Rory Dale	7-14-1991	Temetia	
Taylor, Alma	8-5-1927	Trimm, Arelia (Hayes)	
Amy H. Waggoner		Charlie	
Charles B., Jr.	6-10-1955	Emily Frances	
Charles B.		Esther	
Dorothy (Nichols)	June, 1942	Mozelle (Frederick)	
Eva Hallie (Porterfield)		Nannie May (Riggs)	7-6-1930
Eula Blanche (Berry)		Newby	
Norma (Ashley)		Truesdale, Mary Thomas	
Terry, Annie Norris McCullough		Wagoner, Alton	
Annie Pearson		Ann Crabtree	9-3-1967
Annie Pratt		Angeline Parker	
Bernard		Annie	
Bertha Pleasant		Annie Lou James	5-18-1952
Blanche (Martin)		Birdie (Crutchfield)	7-6-1930
Charlie R.		Currie	
Claude		Cora Lee (Painter)	
Coy F.		Frank	
Darrell Pleasant	1960	George R.	
Fannie Wagoner	8-5-1928	Jessie Pearl Horner	
Foy (Hunt)		Hazel (Brown)	
Jethro O.		Louise	
John L.		Luna	
Katie Sue (Clayton)		Luther (Mrs.)	
Lloyd		Mamie C.	
Mamie		Mary (Faulkner)	
Nicks	6-17-1945	Murphy Thomas	
Rainey		O. Bernice	
Roxie		Percy	
Sallie W.		Rosa M.	
Sam		Russell Currie	7-3-1949
Shirley Mae	6-16-1946	Sheila Lynn (Crawford)	3-30-1975
Zeb Vance		Sadie	
William Ralph		Sudie	
Thomas, Blanche		William	
E.C.		William Currie	
Hobart	10-26-1980	William Russell	12-27-1981
		Zachariah	

Wall, Curtis			
Eugene (Mrs.)			
Tiny I.			
U.S.			
Walters, Annie Kathleen McBroom	5-7-1950		
Dennis Roy	1964		
John Paul	5-7-1950		
Watkins, Annie Wagoner			
Watson, Annie			
Artie			
Sudie			
Webster, James William	5-7-1950		
Lessie			
Nannie H.			
Roy			
Wedding, Emma	7-6-1930		
Pearl (Harrison)			
Sadie			
Wells, Frances Riley			
Whitaker, Cora B.			
Wheeley, Thomas			
Wilkerson, Annie (Burnett)			
Annie Wilburn (Parker)			
Danny	6-12-1986		
Effie D.			
Gorman			
Jamie Long (Dean)	8-23-1978		
Jeannie Graham	8-23-1978		
John H.			
Lela			
Lora Tilley	1941		
Mary E.			
Mary F. (Jordan)			
Mary Frances (Weaver)			
Mary Grey			
Marie (Horner)	7-6-1930		
Ollie	7-6-1930		
Otis P.			
Priscilla Ann (Lloyd)	5-7-1950		
Rhonda Dawn (Snyder)	8-23-1978		
Richard			
Ronald Long	8-23-1978		
Sallie			
Sarah Frances			
Thomas J.			
Tom J.			
Walker			
Walter W.			
William Walter			
Williams, Robin	6-1-1986		
Wilson, Aaron			
Alan	8-23-1978		
Alma (Horner)			
Anne Coleman (Browning)	5-7-1950		
Bobby Lee	4-24-1953		
Barnett (Smith)	8-5-1928		
Carlton			
Charlie Higgs	4-6-1969		
Daisy Higgs	10-1-1967		
Dallas F.			
David Jasper	4-6-1969		
Elaine	6-17-1945		
Elsie			
Eugene			
Eugene			
Floyd R.			
Harry Lee	1951		
Ingram C.			
Ivalene (Riley)	6-17-1945		
Jasper C.			
Jesse Thomas	5-7-1950		
Lacy			
Laura			
Lester			
		Wilson (Continued)	
		Lori	8-23-1978
		Madalene (Watson)	
		M. Ruth (Pearson)	
		Madry Laws	July, 1936
		Martha Ann (Norris)	
		Mary Blalock	
		Mary Nona	
		Merritt	
		Missouri (Mrs.)	1940
		Monroe	
		Myrtle Johnson	
		Narvia	9-26-1926
		Nettie	
		Paul	
		Rebecca Laws	
		Sadie (Porterfield)	8-7-1927
		Tiny Coleman	1965
		Victor	
		Walton	1965
		Woods, Annie (Compton)	
		Antoinette Crawford	8-20-1967
		Carolyn (Stratford)	6-20-1948
		Hazel (Compton)	
		George	6-10-1955
		Joe D.	
		Josephine "Jodie" (Wilson)	
		Kathryn Jane (Blaylock)	1966
		Knox	
		Linda (Terrell)	6-10-1955
		Mamie (McDade)	
		Marion Porterfield	June, 1941
		Mattie (Toler)	
		Nancy Wright	9-3-1967
		Ormond	8-5-1927
		Preston	6-20-1948
		Rena Daniel	
		Sonja Carol	
		Virginia (Allen)	8-5-1928
		Wright, Arthur	
		G. Nick	
		Louise (Dixon)	3-8-1928
		Louise	10-11-1928
		Maggie Belle VanHook	

PASTORS' BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

YEAR	NAME OF MINISTER	YEAR & BIRTHPLACE	YEAR JOINED CONF.	YEAR & PLACE OF DEATH	BURIAL PLACE	PRESIDING ELDER
HILLSBOROUGH CIRCUIT - RALEIGH DISTRICT						
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH						
1841	Sydney D. Bumpass	1808 Person County	1837 Petersburg, Va.	1851 Salisbury	Greensboro	James Jamieson
1841	James W. Jeter	1816 Virginia	1841 Virginia	1847 North Carolina	--	James Jamieson
1841	James B. Alford	1813 Wayne Co., Va.	1832 Norfolk, Va.	1883 Randolph County	Randolph Co	James Jamieson
1842	William Compton	-- London, England	1809 Tarboro	1847 Oxford	Granville Co	James Jamieson
1843	Gaston E. Brown	--				James Jamieson
HILLSBOROUGH CIRCUIT - RALEIGH CIRCUIT						
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH						
1844	Gaston E. Brown	--				Peter Doub
1845	E.L. Perkins	--				Peter Doub
1846	Thomas S. Cassidy	1817 Virginia	1845 Washington, NC	1849 North Carolina	Wilmington	D.B. Nicholson
	Samuel Pearce	--				
1847	Samuel Pearce	--				D.B. Nicholson
1848	William M. Jordan	1813 Virginia	1833 Petersburg, Va.	1882 Roxboro	Roxboro	D.B. Nicholson
1849	Daniel Culbreth	1808 Sampson Co	1831 New Bern	1891 Raleigh	Raleigh	D.E. Nicholson
1850	Daniel Culbreth					H.G. Leigh
	A.E. Johnson	--				
1851	A.E. Johnson	--				H.G. Leigh
	W.H. Barnes	--				

YEAR	NAME OF PASTOR	BIRTHPLACE & YEAR	YEAR JOINED CONF.	YEAR & PLACE OF DEATH	BURIAL PLACE	PRESIDING ELDER
1852	Nathan A. Hooker	1816 Greene Co	1840 Mocksville	1899 Kinston	Kinston	James Reid
1853	Thomas W. Guthrie	1828 Chatham Co	1851 Salisbury	1896 Rockingham	Rockingham	James Reid
1854	Theophilus W. Moore	--				R.O. Burton
1855	Gaston Farrar	1811 Chatham County	1836 Macon, Ga.	1889 Chatham County	Chatham Co	R.O. Burton
	Henry Gray	--				
1856	Henry Gray	--				R.O. Burton
	A.W. Mangum	--				
1857	Henry Gray	--				R.O. Burton
1858	James B. Alford	(see 1842 above)				D.B. Nicholson
1859	John W. Tinnin	1817 Orange County	1841 Raleigh	1865 Pittsboro	Pittsboro	D.B. Nicholson
1860	John Tinnin					Wm. Barringer
1861	William B. Walsh	--				Wm. Barringer
1862	William B. Walsh	--				Wm. Barringer
	W. Harris	--				
1863	W. Harris	--				Numa F. Reid
	William M. Jordan	(See 1848 above)				
1864	"To be supplied" according to Minutes of Annual Conference					Numa F. Reid
1865	"No Report" according to Minutes of the Annual Conference					Numa F. Reid
HILLSBOROUGH CIRCUIT - HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT						
1866	W.C. Wilson	--				Wm.H. Bobbitt
1867	Nathan H.D. Wilson	1822 Guilford Co.	1843 Halifax, Va.	1888 Franklinton	Greensboro	Wm.H. Bobbitt
1868	Leonidas W. Crawford	--				Wm.H. Bobbitt
1869	Leonidas W. Crawford	--				Wm. Barringer
1870	Leonidas W. Crawford	--				Wm. Barringer

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YEAR	NAME OF PASTOR	YEAR & BIRTHPLACE	YEAR JOINED CONF.	YEAR & PLACE OF DEATH	BURIAL PLACE	PRESIDING ELDER
1891	James Marion Lowder	1852 Stanley County	1887 Fayetteville	1940 Rutherford College	Norwood	Edwin A. Yates
		CALDWELL CIRCUIT - DURHAM DISTRICT				
1892	Edward Eugene Rose	1866 Warren County	1891 Greenville	1918 Durham	Durham	Edwin A. Yates
		HILLSBOROUGH CIRCUIT - DURHAM DISTRICT				
1893	Doctor Newby Caviness	1859 Moore County	1892 Goldsboro	1937 Raleigh	Raleigh	Edwin A. Yates
1894	Doctor Newby Caviness					J.A. Cunniggam
1895	Doctor Newby Caviness					J.A. Cunniggam
1896	Langhorne Leitch	1866 Buckingham Co	1890 Lebanon, Oregon	1897 Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore	J.A. Cunniggam
1897	James Milas Terrell	--				J.A. Cunniggam
1898	Ernest Wyatt Fox	--				Edwin A. Yates
1899	Ernest Wyatt Fox	--				Edwin A. Yates
1900	Ernest Wyatt Fox	--				W.H. Moore
1901	Jesse Thomas Draper	1865 Northampton Co	1891 Greenville	1954 Warrenton	Warrenton	W.H. Moore
1902	Rufus Bradley	1870 Jackson	1894 Durham	1937 Rocky Mount	Littleton	John T. Gibbs
1903	Norman Clyde Yearby	1872 Raleigh	1900 New Bern	1948 Smithfield	Smithfield	John T. Gibbs
1904	Norman Clyde Yearby					John T. Gibbs
1905	Miles Mebane McFarland	1855 Rutherford Co	1884 Wilmington	1911 Mebane	Burlington	John T. Gibbs
1906	Miles Mebane McFarland					John B. Hurley
1907	Miles Mebane McFarland					John B. Hurley
1908	Miles Mebane McFarland					John B. Hurley
1909	Charles Richmond Ross	--				R.C. Beaman
1910	Charles Richmond Ross	--				R.C. Beaman
1911	Jesse Marvin Ormond	1878 Greene County	1910 Elizabeth City	1954 Durham	Durham	R.C. Beaman

YEAR	NAME OF PASTOR	YEAR & BIRTHPLACE	YEAR JOINED CONF.	YEAR & PLACE OF DEATH	BURIAL PLACE	PRESIDING ELDER
1912	Jesse Marvin Ormond					R.C. Beaman
1913	Jesse Marvin Ormond					Harry M. North
1914	Jesse Marvin Ormond					Harry M. North
1915	Thomas McMillan Grant	1886 Wilmington	1909 Raleigh	1952 Rocky Mount	Rocky Mount	John C. Wooten
1916	Thomas McMillan Grant					
1917	Marvin W. Hester	--				John C. Wooten
1918	Marvin W. Hester	--				John C. Wooten
1919	John Edward Blalock	1885 Albemarle	1910 Elizabeth City	1938 Fairmont	Fairmont	M.T. Plyler
1920	John Edward Blalock					M.T. Plyler
1921	John Edward Blalock					M.T. Plyler
1922	John Edward Blalock					M.T. Plyler
CEDAR GROVE CHARGE - DURHAM DISTRICT						
1923	Ernest Creasy Durham	1888 Chatham County	1913 Oxford	1974 Raleigh	Raleigh	M. Bradshaw
1924	Ernest Creasy Durham					M. Bradshaw
1925	Ernest Creasy Durham					M. Bradshaw
1926	Ernest Creasy Durham					M. Bradshaw
1927	Frederick Arthur Lupton	1882 Pamlico	1913 Oxford	1954 Greensboro	Graham	John C. Wooten
1928	Frederick Arthur Lupton					John C. Wooten
1929	Frederick Arthur Lupton					John C. Wooten
1930	Frederick Arthur Lupton					John C. Wooten
1931	Joel Walter Dimmette	1884 Wilkes County	1918 --North Carolina	1966 Raleigh	Raleigh	Harry C. Smith
1932	Joel Walter Dimmette					Harry C. Smith

YEAR	NAME OF PASTOR	YEAR & BIRTHPLACE	YEAR JOINED CONF.	YEAR & PLACE OF DEATH	BURIAL PLACE	PRESIDING ELDER
1933	Samuel Freeman Nicks	1874 Orange County	1903 Goldsboro	1946 Hillsborough	Hillsborough	Harry C. Smith
1934	Samuel Freeman Nicks					H.B. Porter
1935	Samuel Freeman Nicks					H.B. Porter
1936	Samuel Freeman Nicks					H.B. Porter
1937	Samuel Freeman Nicks					H.B. Porter
1938	Samuel Freeman Nicks					A.J. Hobbs

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CEDAR GROVE CHARGE - DURHAM DISTRICT

YEAR	NAME OF MINISTER	YEAR & BIRTHPLACE	YEAR JOINED CONF.	DEATH, YEAR & PLACE	BURIAL PLACE	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
1939	Samuel Freeman Nicks					A.J. Hobbs
1940	John Cephas Williams	1882 Rockingham Co, NC	1917 Greenville	1947 Fremont, NC	Rockingham Co	A.J. Hobbs
1941	John Cephas Williams					A.J. Hobbs
1942	John Cephas Williams					F.C. Love
1943	John Cephas Williams					F.S. Love
1944	Kirby Cuthbert Formy Duval	1884 Brunswick Co	1909 Raleigh	1964 Durham	Durham	Harry C. Smith
1945	John Bascom Hurley	1892 Montgomery Co	1917 Greenville	1987 Fayetteville, NC	Fayetteville	Harry C. Smith
1946	John Bascom Hurley					Harry C. Smith
1947	John Bascom Hurley					Harry C. Smith
1948	Henry Barton Lewis	--	1937 Raleigh	N/A	N/A	E.L. Hillman
1949	Henry Barton Lewis					E.L. Hillman
1950	Henry Barton Lewis					E.L. Hillman
1951	Henry Barton Lewis					E.L. Hillman
1952	Henry Barton Lewis					E.L. Hillman

YEAR	NAME OF MINISTER	YEAR & BIRTHPLACE	YEAR JOINED CONF.	DEATH, YEAR & PLACE	BURIAL PLACE	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
1972	Forrest Clark Poole					N.W. Grant
1973	Forrest Clark Poole					N.W. Grant
1974	Ronald Ralph Jones	--	1975 Virginia	N/A	N/A	N.W. Grant
1975	Rodney Gene Hamm	--	1975 Fayetteville	N/A	N/A	N.W. Grant
1976	Rodney Gene Hamm	--				N.W. Grant
1977	David H. Schantz, Jr.	--	1979 Florida	N/A	N/A	N.W. Grant
1978	David H. Schantz, Jr.					B.L. Davidson
1979	David H. Schantz, Jr.					B.L. Davidson
1980	Robert D. Edleman	--		N/A	N/A	B.L. Davidson
1981	Samuel White Loy	--	1986 Durham	N/A	N/A	B.L. Davidson
1982	Samuel White Loy					B.L. Davidson
1983	Samuel White Loy					B.L. Davidson
1984	Warren Clark Barfield, Jr.	--	1973 Fayetteville	N/A	N/A	F.O. Fitzgerald
1985	Warren Clark Barfield, Jr.					F.O. Fitzgerald
1986	Roy Michael Sykes	--	1985 Fayetteville	N/A	N/A	F.O. Fitzgerald
1987	Roy Michael Sykes					F.O. Fitzgerald
1988	Roy Michael Sykes					F.O. Fitzgerald
1989	Roy Michael Sykes					F.O. Fitzgerald
1990	Roy Michael Sykes					George Johnson
1991	Roy Michael Sykes					George Johnson

YEAR	NAME OF MINISTER	YEAR & BIRTHPLACE	YEAR JOINED CONF.	DEATH, YEAR & PLACE	BURIAL PLACE	DISTRICT
1953	Raymond Zenos Newton	1893 Midland City, Ala.	1937 Raleigh	1959 Burlington	Burlington	W.L. Clegg
1954	Raymond Zenos Newton					W.L. Clegg
1955	Raymond Zenos Newton					W.L. Clegg
1956	Ollie Victor Elkins	1908 Normandy, Tn.	1935 Bluefield, W. Va.	1969 Greenville	Durham	C.D. Barclift
1957	Ollie Victor Elkins					C.D. Barclift
WALNUT GROVE CHARGE - DURHAM DISTRICT						
1958	Norman Alfred Desrosiers --		1951 Wilmington	N/A	N/A	C.D. Barclift
1959	Sidney Earl Stafford, Sr. --		1959 Gulfport, Ms.	N/A		C.D. Barclift
1960	Sidney Earl Stafford, Sr.					C.D. Barclift
1961	Sidney Earl Stafford, Sr.					C.D. Barclift
1962	Sidney Earl Stafford, Sr.					O.L. Hathaway
1963	Dennis Roy Dickerson, Jr. --		1964 South Carolina	N/A	N/A	O.L. Hathaway
WALNUT GROVE CHARGE - BURLINGTON DISTRICT						
1964	Dennis Roy Dickerson, Jr.					T.B. Hough
1965	Dennis Roy Dickerson, Jr.					T.B. Hough
1966	Dennis Roy Dickerson, Jr.					T.B. Hough
1967	Rutledge Dantzler Sheridan, Jr.	1928 Greenwood, SC	1971 South Carolina	N/A	N/A	Edgar B. Fisher
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WALNUT GROVE CHARGE - BURLINGTON DISTRICT						
1968	Rutledge Dantzler Sheridan, Jr.					Edgar B. Fisher
1969	Rutledge Dantzler Sheridan, Jr.					Edgar B. Fisher
1970	Rutledge Dantzler Sheridan, Jr.					Edgar B. Fisher
1971	Forrest Clark Poole --		1972 Lake Junaluska	N/A	N/A	Edgar B. Fisher

APPENDIX E

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Through the years numerous pastors served as field associates at Walnut Grove providing valuable ministry to the congregation. The following are those that are known to have served as associates and the approximate years of their service.

NAME OF PASTOR	YEAR	NAME OF PASTOR	YEAR
Millard W. Warren, Jr.	1933	William Bouknight	1970
George Johnson	1934	Arthur R. Holland, III	1972, 73
John William Hammonds	1935	Nancy Ruth Best	1973, 74
Victor Hickman	1936	Roy Dean Knight	1977, 78
David Reece	1937	John William Rintz	1978
Robert L. Nicks	1938	John Patrick Colatch	1978, 79
Vergil E. Queen	1938	Ellen Mariotte Churchill	1979, 80
H. Braxton Allport, Jr.	1965	John Scott Cloninger	1981
Jerry Morris	1966	Richard P. Wilkerson	1983
Keith Chappel	1966	Alecia Ann Laws	1983, 84
Dr. David P. Meriwether	1967	Robert O. Skinner	1984
David A. Pacholke	1968, 69	William Mitchell, Jr.	1984
Allen L. Barger	1969		

APPENDIX F

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CALENDAR

In celebration of the 150th anniversary, the church held special activities throughout the year. The following is a schedule of those events.

JANUARY

1. 1991 historical calendar and coloring book with pictures designed by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship group.
2. Birthday cake with 150 candles at Children's Time during worship service. The cake was served at a history oriented Family Night.
3. Tee shirts commemorating the 150th anniversary were unveiled by the Young Adult Sunday School class
4. Super Saturday was held for children with activities designed around hand prints and designing a quilt square for the quilt made by the "new quilters" of the church.

FEBRUARY

Each Sunday a different Sunday School class gave a moment of Sunday School history during worship service including music and literature.

MARCH

During Mission Month, the Mission Committee developed a mission plan with an emphasis on the church history.

APRIL

The United Methodist Women conducted the worship service with the highlights of the history of the UMW and its predecessor organization, the Women's Society of Christian Service.

MAY

At Homecoming the History Committee presented a "historical moment" and many wore historical costumes. Later in the month at the Senior Citizens Banquet, the Young Adults served the seniors in their costumes.

JUNE

At Vacation Bible School, replicas of the log church and the frame church were used along with the rock church by the students to give a walking tour of history at Walnut Grove through a time machine.

JULY

The church constructed a prize winning float representing the log church, complete with minister and congregation in costume, for the Caldwell 4th of July parade.

SEPTEMBER

At a special service held on September 8, 1991, a marker was placed at the burial place of Reverend Lester A. Tilley in the Walnut Grove cemetery. Reverend Tilley, a Walnut Grove native, is the only member of the clergy buried at Walnut Grove.

OCTOBER

The celebration of the 150th anniversary was held on October 6, 1991. All living former pastors, spouses of pastors, and District Superintendents were invited to the services. The day began with a services at 9:30 and 12:00 followed by lunch on the grounds. Plays from the different eras of the church and a gospel sing followed the lunch. The day ended with a closing service. The updated history was presented during the day.

NOVEMBER

During music month, the church held a Great Day of Singing using the hymns of Charles and John Wesley.

DECEMBER

A float with a history theme was entered in the Christmas Parade in Hillsborough.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE AND FINACIAL STATISTICS

Below is a chart of the statistics for membership, attendace and giving for Walnut Grove for the years indicated.

YEAR	MEMBERSHIP	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS
1980	286	80	\$20,315.00
1970	318	64	\$ 9,229.00
1960	352	128	\$13,548.00
1950	727*	--	\$ 5,777.00*
1940	294	--	\$ 3,653.00
1930	326	--	\$ 2,259.00*
1920	906**	--	\$ 5,131.00**
1910	937**	--	\$ 1,324.00**

* Charge total-Cedar Grove Circuit (four churches)

** Charge total-Hillsborough Circuit (six churches)

APPENDIX G

LAY SERVICE AT WALNUT GROVE

Many lay people have served Walnut Grove long and well. Below is a list of some of the areas of ministry they have provided.

1. The following individuals have served as Superintendents of the Sunday School.

Mr. Washington Jordan
Mr. Robert Young Walker
Mr. J.H. Woods
Mr. Robert D. Daniel
Mr. William Lee McDade
Mr. Joseph D. Woods
Mr. James M. Hawkins
Mr. Luther C. Tilley
Mr. Alvin H. Hawkins
Mr. Charles W. Tilley
Mr. Henry M. Ashley
Mr. Clifton R. Parker
Mr. Russell C. Wagoner


2. The Women's Society of Christian Service was organized in 1929 by Miss Florine Robertson. The following members have served as president of this group and its successor, The United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Olga Wright Cole
Mrs. Ora Laws
Mrs. Mildred Riley Tilley
Mrs. Anna Belle Walters Hawkins
Mrs. Mamie Mincey Hawkins
Mrs. Era Laws Carr
Mrs. Bertha Pleasant Terry
Mrs. Ethel Hawkins Roberts
Mrs. Cora Lee Riley Rountree
Mrs. Ruby Wilkerson Tilley
Mrs. Nancy Wright Woods
Mrs. Margaret Vaughn Berry
Mrs. Margaret Sumner Berry
Mrs. Ann Crabtree Wagoner
Mrs. Lynn Hobby Hall
Mrs. Brenda Walker Berry

3. The United Methodist men was organized and chartered in 1991 by Mr. Robert C. Reeves who served as its first president.

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